

Got cash?

Tonight, the winner of the Pacific Coast Club weekly club card drawing will take home **\$1,000**. If the person whose name is drawn isn't present at the club, the money will be split with \$500 being given to a winner in the officer's lounge and \$500 going to a winner in the enlisted lounge. Next week, the pot will start over at \$500.



Base News Briefs

VIOLATIONS ON INCREASE, SURF BEACH CLOSES FOR WEEKEND

Vandenberg's fish and game officials have issued 21 citations for violating closed areas at Surf Beach, two at Minuteman Beach and none at Wall Beach. The increase in citations has led officials to take additional precautionary measures necessitating the closure. Base officials must close public access to base beaches when citation thresholds are reached. The thresholds are: 25 at Surf Beach, 10 at Wall Beach and five at Minuteman Beach. For information about beach access, call the base fish and game office at 606-6804. Surf beach will re-open Aug. 3.

OFFICIALS OFFER PET CONTROL REMINDER

Pet owners must control their animals at all times. While owners may temporarily restrain their pet in a vehicle, California law and wing instructions prohibit pet owners from leaving their animal in an unattended vehicle, regardless of weather conditions.

OFFICERS COLLECT STUFFED TOYS FOR CHILDREN

The Vandenberg Company Grade Officers Council is collecting stuffed animals during Operation Care Bear. The toys will be given to children undergoing medical treatment. Donated animals must be less than 12-inches tall and free of safety hazards. Drop boxes are located at the family practice and immunization clinics. For more information, call Capt. Natalie O'Brien at 606-8217.

BASE GAS STATION MAY OPEN BY MID-AUGUST

Base officials anticipate system repairs and upgrades at the AAFES service station to be complete by mid-August. The work may be finished as early as Wednesday. The tire service and retail sales areas at the station remain open during the week.

SUPPORT GROUP COMMANDER HOLDS PROMOTION BRIEFING

Col. Steve Robinson, 30th Support Group commander, will conduct a briefing on officer promotion board procedures at 10 a.m. Thursday in the base theater. The event is open to all wing and associate unit officers. For more information, call 606-1845.

STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE HOLDS LEGAL SEMINAR

The 30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocates office will hold the 2001 Commanders and First Sergeants Legal Seminar from 8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 9 in the Vandenberg Center. The event is also open to supervisors. Briefings will cover general military justice and other legal topics of interest. To make a reservation, e-mail Senior Airman Jacklyn Raimondi on the global.

ALS CLASS 01-F HOLDS GRADUATION BANQUET

The graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School class 01-F will be held Aug. 16 in the Pacific Coast Club. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Attire for the event is semi-formal or mess dress. For more information, call the ALS staff at 606-5595.

MEO OFFICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HEAD COMMITTEES

The Military Equal Opportunity office needs volunteers to chair the following planning committees: Native-American History Month

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30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have mostly cloudy mornings, clearing by 10 a.m. Fog will roll in at about 6 p.m. every evening.



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Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html to get a five-day forecast.

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Underwater egress: a chilling experience

Vandenberg's 76th HF hones flight crews' abilities to survive over-water crashes

By 2nd Lt. Kelly Masters
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

A thick stream of gray smoke trails out behind the aircraft. The warning firelight in the cockpit glows red. Both engines are on fire. The pilots must ditch their Huey. Within moments, everyone aboard is jarred with the force of impacting ice-cold water. The

spinning blades cause the water to churn violently.

The cockpit is engulfed as the top-heavy helicopter rolls over. Crewmembers are flipped upside down as the aircraft begins to sink. Disorientation is immediate. Time is precious. They must remain calm and deliberate.

Despite the urgency of the situation, the crew

remembers the steps for underwater egress. Each of them employs a small breathing device, finds a point of reference, un-straps the harness and swims clear of the aircraft, mindful of fuel that may be burning on the surface.

But these are skills, not simply steps, and to master them takes training and practice. Vandenberg's 76th Helicopter Flight learns to master these skills during annual underwater egress training.

"Time and again you hear air crews say they don't really understand how they got into the life raft," said Master Sgt. James Williams, NCOIC of life support for the 115th Airlift Squadron at Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, Calif. Emphasizing the importance of the training to aircraft crash survivors, he said, "The repetitious training kicks in, becomes instinctive,

and they automatically do what they're supposed to."

Vandenberg's 76th Helicopter Flight is the only one of four flying units in Air Force Space Command with a true over-water mission, said Maj. Bruce Hellen, 76th HF commander. In addition to supporting the base's launch mission, the unit also flies search and rescue and firefighting missions throughout California.

Given the diversity of that mission, annual water survival training is vital for the unit's crewmembers.

Once a year, the pilots, flight engineers, flight surgeons, medical technicians, aerial photographers and videographers assigned to the 76th gather to train. Together, they practice the skills for underwater evacuation until they become second nature.

Held in the calm waters below Vandenberg's boat house, survival trainers turn the sheltered cove into

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Master Sgt. Bob Hargreaves, 30th Communications Squadron, surfaces for fresh air. Hargreaves was one of the 38 Team Vandenberg members who participated in the 76th Helicopter Flight's annual underwater egress training. PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. PAM TAUBMAN



FILE PHOTO

Tops in Blue entertainers will wow audiences in 20 countries during 125 performances this year.

Tops in Blue performs for Central Coast

By Master Sgt. Lloyd Conley
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Tops in Blue, the entertainment showcase of the United States Air Force, will perform a free show Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Cabrillo High School auditorium in Vandenberg Village. There will be only one performance. The doors open at 6:45 p.m.

One of Team Vandenberg's own, Senior Airman Michael Hosman, a member of the 30th Security Forces Squadron, will be one of the vocalists among the troupe of performers in this year's show.

The 30th Transportation Squadron will provide transportation to the event for dorm residents. Buses will arrive at Breakers Dining Hall at 6 p.m. and depart at 6:30 p.m.

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30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey takes in a view of Vandenberg's 99,000 acres. With 23 years of service under his hat, the command chief brings a wealth of experience with him from a variety of assignments. He's more than a fan of patriotism, it's in his blood and he's proud to serve Team Vandenberg.

New wing command chief: 'It's all about each of you'

By Master Sgt. Ty Foster
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

When the 30th Space Wing Commander was looking for a new command chief master sergeant, he was looking for someone with broad experience, integrity, leadership, patriotism and a sense for his airmen's needs.

Col. Robert M. Worley II found all that and more in Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey.

"The chief comes to us from the 819th Red Horse Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.," the colonel said. "He has a wealth of first sergeant experience in maintenance, component repair, logistics support, operations support, special operations and Red Horse squadrons."

For Morey, being the new 30th Space Wing command chief master sergeant isn't about his successes, his achievements or goals—it's about patriotism and his people.

"It's all about each of you and what we're doing for this great country and the best Air Force in the world," the chief said. Even his mantra, "To the Colors!" evokes patriotism and a spirited response of "Hoorah!"

Born in the nation's capitol and raised in her heartland, it's only natural that Morey's a patriot at heart.

"My parents were devout patriots and both were extremely involved in the Illinois Marine Corps League," the chief said. "For as long as I can remember, they had unintentionally inspired me through their patriotic efforts to seek a possible career in the service of our nation."

After graduating high school, he wasn't ready to take on college. So, like many teenagers in the 1970s, he found himself working in a blue-collar job making stove parts.

When a high school buddy asked him to go to the Air Force recruiter with him, Morey jumped at the chance. Two weeks later, the airman basic was on his way to Lackland AFB, Texas, for basic training.

Twenty-three years later, the command chief is still proud to call himself an airman.

"I simply love being an airman in the world's greatest air force," he said proudly.

Years ago as a senior airman and first-time supervisor, he learned the importance of his people and how they impact the mission.

Over the years, Morey said he worked with some exceptional first sergeants who took good care of their people, including his father-in-law. They inspired him to help others.

"I wanted to help nurture individual/team

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SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Young nation sets standard for world

By COL. MITCH SLATE
30th Logistics Group commander



**Col. Mitch Slate
Commander,
30th Logistics Group**

I had the honor to represent our armed forces during the Independence Day Parade at one of our local communities.

The local Rotary Club put on the event, giving me a car to ride in with signs on the side proclaiming that I was from Vandenberg AFB.

I had a good time. It was great to see all the folks cheering for the military.

It was also reassuring to see all the spectators appreciating the meaning of independence and calling out, "Happy Birthday America."

One of the spectators called out "Happy 225th," which puzzled me for a moment until I realized that, this July Fourth was indeed America's 225th birthday.

That thought lingered with me as I drove back home.

There were "four score and seven years" between 1776 and 1863, which means that some elderly citizens who experienced our Civil War had also lived through our Revolutionary War.

I distinctly remember when I started the

first grade back in 1960, my teacher told us there were still folks alive in our hometown who were among those emancipated in 1865.

This means that the entire history of the United States of America occurred over the course of a mere two and a half lifetimes.

The United States is a very young country that has made incredible advances.

Our country has grown from the original 13 north-eastern colonies to 50 states that span the continent and

cross the sea. Transportation has advanced from horse-drawn wagons to inter-planetary rockets.

Our military power has grown from black-powder muskets and cannons to lasers and smart bombs.

Our economy started with agriculture and shipping and has become a mighty industrial force.

Our society has blossomed from slavery and isolationism to ever-increasing freedoms, acceptance and world leadership.

Today, we set the example for other nations to follow.

We exercise our right to free speech in an uncensored media, openly discussing difficult issues like racism, abortion, homosexuality and gun control.

We have civilian control of the military, with never a coup d'etat.

In our last presidential election, the loser hotly contested the vote—not with assault rifles but with lawyers.

Our economy is strong. The U.S. is the country people escape to, not from.

Every adult citizen has the right to vote, giving everyone from the industrialists to the environmentalists a voice in our government.

And we're secure, never having to wonder whether a military plane flying overhead is theirs or ours.

I'm proud to be part of our nation's defense, securing our freedoms. I hope you are too.

Our military, both uniformed and civil servants, teams up to make this country so powerful that few, if any, seriously contemplate direct and open attacks against us.

We also provide the opportunity for anyone, regardless of race, gender, or economic background, an even playing field to compete for worthwhile jobs, education and security.

Not bad for a nation that's only 225 years old.



**Col. Robert Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing**

Commander's Action Line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

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Military training leader 'blues' recruits

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

When a person joins the Air Force and goes through the rigors of gaining the discipline and knowledge necessary to succeed, not to mention getting to know his Military Training Instructor up close and personal, he's finally in, right?

Not exactly. There's the matter of his continued training, said Tech. Sgt. James Pfost, 2nd Air Force Command Superintendent for military training and the former chief military training leader with the 381st Training Group here.

"For most Air Force trainees, completion of basic training signals their induction into the military and the Air Force way of life," said Pfost, the Air Force Military Training Leader for 2000. Their induction is a process that extends beyond basic and there's still a great deal of work to be done.

While technical training is designed to prepare a recruit to do his job and help him become a productive member of the team in today's Air Force, they're still adjusting to military life. That's where the MTL comes in, said Pfost.

"Our primary job is to supervise the trainees in making those adjustments," he said. "For a majority of the airmen, it's their first time away from home, so the guidance we provide can range from counseling them in personal and financial matters that can affect their careers to addressing administrative or disciplinary issues that come up while they're assigned to the group here."

"The challenge is to help the trainees adjust to and understand the differences between civilian and military life," Pfost said. "Being late for a military formation or a training class is not the same as being late for a job at McDonalds or Wal-Mart." In the military tardiness could result in some severe administrative or disciplinary

actions for the trainee. Their actions can jeopardize the Air Force mission.

Pfost said what he likes most about being an MTL is the "blueing" of the recruits. He explains that blueing is when the trainees not only understand the military and Air Force way of life but also embrace it.

"He is a fantastic motivator and role model with exceptional talent," said Capt. Joe White, commander of the military training flight with the 381st TRG. During his eight year tenure here he has exemplified the finest qualities of professional conduct, personal integrity, and interpersonal skills. He's been an innovative worker with great balance on and off-duty. He constantly strives to improve the flight processes, subordinate discipline, and the quality of life for the non-prior service airmen assigned to the group.

"Pfost has magnificent interpersonal skills," said Col. Ken Van Sickle, 381st TRG commander. He adapts quickly to changing situations and effectively tailors his message to motivate young airmen. He is an absolutely great motivator that leads by example."

During his tenure at the 381st TRG technical school, the Chief MTL and master sergeant select, along with the school's four other training leaders, supervised more than 200 students at any given time. More than 1,000 enlisted students graduate from through the school annually.

White added that Pfost, who recently left Vandenberg for Keesler AFB, Miss., will make an outstanding senior NCO and a perfect role model for the Air Force's newest airmen. Pfost now manages military training for more than 30,000 non-prior service airmen in technical training at 25 locations throughout the U.S.

He is also responsible for selecting and training almost 295 MTLs through coordination with Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name: Senior Airman Steve Schester

Assignment: 30th Communications Squadron still photographer.

Hometown: Manistee, Mich.

Time on Vandenberg: Two years six months

Time in service: Three years

Supervisor's comments: "Steve is an extraordinary photographer," said Master Sgt. Ty Foster, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs superintendent. "In his service as our newspaper staff photographer, the quality of his work has raised the established standard for photojournalism and won him praise from command."

Schester believes he has the best job in the Air Force because it gives him the opportunity to meet people in different aspects of Air Force life. It also helps him appreciate a good photo and what it takes to get a good one.

NCO Academy system expands

By CARL BERGQUIST
Air University Public Affairs

■ MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.—The Air Force is expanding its capability to provide training to midlevel noncommissioned officers with the addition of a 13-flight NCO Academy at Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Ala.

The addition of the school, with classes scheduled to start in January 2003, will bring the number of Air Force NCO academies worldwide to 14. Students attending the new school will be "an overflow of NCOs requiring this training — not to mention any 'must-trains' who may have a line number to master sergeant," said Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Helms, Gunter NCO Academy commandant.

National Guard and Reserve students will also take classes at the Gunter school. The new facility will train 1,183 students annually. Helms said the course is 28 academic days long with seven classes scheduled per year. "Our staff is projected to consist of 27 active-duty people, so there is a great need for technical sergeants to apply for instructor positions." The school is already hiring.

Instructors applicants must have a two-year or higher college degree, Helms said. The NCO Academy is the second level of professional military education, and graduation from it is necessary for promotion to master sergeant. The first level of PME is Airman Leadership School, the top is the Air Force Senior NCO Academy.

Law changes for children's passports

By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON—Under a new law that became effective July 2, the State Department now requires both parents' consent to obtain passports and visas for overseas travel of children younger than 14.

The intent of the law is to lessen the chance that parents can abduct their children and use U.S. passports to escape overseas, said John Hotchner, acting managing director of the State Department's office of passport services. The State Department is working on about 1,000 overseas child abduction cases.

The law affects servicemembers, who are required to secure passports for spouses and children accompanying them to overseas duty stations, Hotchner said.

Servicemembers themselves do not require passports, because they fall under military Status of Forces Agreements, he said.

Department of Defense civilian employees are required to secure passports for themselves and nonmilitary family members who will be accompanying them to overseas duty assignments, Hotchner said.

Both parents must now sign children's passport application forms, unless one parent is unavailable because of geographical separation, divorce or other circumstances, he said.

In this case, Hotchner said, the parent applying for a child's passport needs a signed, non-notarized letter or statement from the absent

parent that provides permission to take the child or children overseas.

Hotchner said he has already heard of instances where permission letters were faxed from overseas. Separated or divorced military or DOD civilians with sole custody agreements should not have a problem obtaining passports for their children under the new law, Hotchner said.

"It is fairly easy if there is a custody order," he said. "If one parent has sole custody, then consent from the other parent isn't necessary." Hotchner said the new law compliments an existing program that allows parents concerned about possible abduction to register a child younger than 18, with the State Department's office of children's issues. The custodial parent files a copy of the sole custody order with the State Department.

Should the noncustodial parent then apply for a passport, it would not be issued, he said.

Ultimately, Hotchner said, the parents themselves must resolve issues affecting their children's passports.

"They'll have to work it out between themselves and, if necessary, resort to the courts to get it settled," Hotchner said, referring to instances when one of the parents simply will not consent or participate in the process. A court-sanctioned custody agreement between separated or divorced parents can award custody to an individual parent and require that the couple work out travel arrangements.

A crew member is hoisted aboard a UH-1N Huey as part of the 76th Helicopter Flight's annual underwater egress training. Trainees braved the 55-degree waters off Vandenberg's southern coast near the boat house. The 76th is one of only four Air Force Space Command units with an over-water flying mission.



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Trainer puts crews upside down underwater

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a grueling, realistic training environment.

California may have sunny, warm weather, but the water off Vandenberg's shores is a frigid 55 degrees—cold enough to turn a person without a wetsuit into a hypothermia victim in just 15 minutes, Williams said. Everyone at the 76th wears a special anti-exposure suit when they fly and during training.

During egress training, participants are strapped into dunkers, or cages, that are then spun upside down underwater. The dunkers simulate the motion and position of a helicopter in the water giving crewmembers an idea of what to expect after a water crash.

"The weight of the transmission is so heavy that the helicopters flip over almost immediately upon impact with the water," said Capt. Eric Ecker, 76th HF life support officer.

Underwater and upside down, the trainees use a small, hand-

held breathing tank that gives them enough time to release their harness and swim to the surface, said Tech. Sgt. Juan Castro, 76th HF director of training and life support. Then they swim 100 yards to a life raft where additional training is required.

There are plenty of hazards and distractions for the trainees to deal with during underwater egress training. There's a lot of kelp in the cove for trainee's frozen hands and feet to get tangled in. The helicopter hovers loudly over the water, generating strong blasts of wind and stinging sprays.

These difficulties add to the training, Castro said. Despite the hazards and distractions, they have to maintain their position for the final phase of their training—an extraction via the hoist aboard one of the helicopter flight's UH-1N Hueys.

The importance of training lies in "learning to be comfortable in the water so you don't panic if you go down," said 1st Lt. James Blanchard, 76th HF

pilot. It also gives pilots an appreciation for what the person in the water is going through during rescue missions.

Throughout 12 hours of this year's grueling training, the diverse group of 38 men and women maintained their motivation and good spirits.

"Where else, as aerial photographers, can you get this kind of training?" asked Tech. Sgt. Scott Wagers, 30th Communications Squadron photographer. "Most photographers, when deployed, are treated like passengers.

"Here with the 76th, we're integrated into everything they do," he said. "We train and are treated like aircrew. The added respect creates a stronger sense of pride and ownership in what we do."

"Our day-to-day missions enhance Vandenberg's primary space and missile launch mission," Hellen said. "We've generated good partnerships and excellent cooperation over the years."

Chief: 'Have fun, prepare for challenges'

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success by capitalizing on my own abilities as a professional, a supervisor and as an Air Force leader," the command chief said.

Though he's a career man, the chief recognizes that life in the Air Force isn't for everybody.

"If getting out is your desire, then fulfill your commitments with honor and be proud of your accomplishments," Morey said. "Keep your military options open and consider joining one of our Guard or Reserve components." It's important to have a plan, review your options, set goals and make sure that leaving the Air Force is the right path to take.

For those who choose to make the Air Force a career, he offers some advice.

"Find a mentor, pick their brains and mold yourself after them because they can give you plenty of advice and wisdom to help you define your professional being," the command chief said. "Then have faith in your leadership, strengthen your patriotism, live and breathe our core values, heritage and traditions as a way of life.

"Commit yourself to the duty, honor and country code of service," he continued. "Finally, have fun and prepare for the challenges ahead."

With the many challenges Morey faces, even he needs a support system.

The father of two will have been married for 20 years in September to his wife,



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey

Michelle, whom he credits with his achievements.

"She's always been my inspiration, motivation, partner and friend in this great life," he said. "Frankly, I wouldn't be where I am today nor would I know what to do without her."

Behind the chief's commitment to his family, his people and his flag is an underlying philosophy to enjoy life—personally and professionally.

"Laugh when necessary and enjoy the pleasures of life," he said. "You only live once."

30th SFS airman appears with Tops in Blue 2001

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"The 2001 edition of Tops in Blue, The Magic of Music, is a spectacular medley of songs guaranteed to captivate the entire audience," said Lynn Warner, 30th Services Squadron services center director. "Tops in Blue have been energizing audiences around the world for more than 45 years. This year's show is no exception."

The Tops in Blue 2001 troupe will take center stage and perform a 90-minute show, guiding the audience through a

magical journey of yesterday and today's Broadway, pop, and dance music, spiced with a combination of love songs and a heartfelt finale of "God Bless The U.S.A."

According to Tom Edwards, the show's producer and director of Air Force Entertainment, "This show reminds us, through music, that we can all have a little more magic in our lives. Music has a very lasting affect on us and it can often provide instant memories. It takes us back to a special moment in time, reminds us of where we were,

and what we were doing the first time we heard a particular song. Music sets a mood and can even carry us to a place we always dreamed about," said Edwards. "Simply put, music is magical."

"This year's team of 35 active-duty military members is indeed a reflection of the 'best of the best,'" added Edwards. "Continuing the tradition of worldwide ambassadors, this group of talented young Air Force members displays the pride, patriotism and dedication felt by all Air Force personnel around the world."

Teen V Spotlight

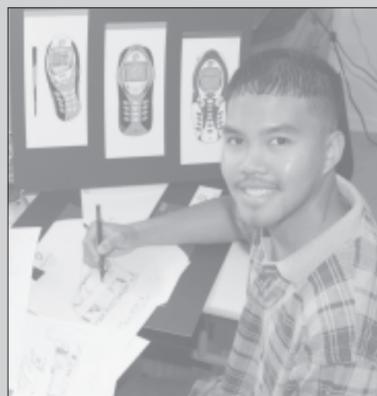
School: 2001 Cabrillo High School graduate, accepted to West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, Calif.

Career goal: Graphic artist or designer.

Hobbies: Drawing, writing poetry, basketball, football, computer games and working out.

Kudos: Designed logo for the Committee to Improve North County; First place in Southern California Bible School's Fine Arts Competition in the drawing category; 2001 Student of the Year for the Santa Barbara County Regional Occupational Program in graphics.

Parents: Master Sgts. Fred Rojas, 14th Air Force, and Roma Rojas, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Jonathan Rojas, 18

Protect family, home before wildland fires strike

By PHILIP NIXON

Vandenberg Fire Department

Of all the nation's forest fires, people cause more than 80 percent of them by smoking or improperly extinguishing campfires.

For people living and working near wildland areas, the threat from these fires is real.

Advance planning and knowing how to protect our homes and workplaces can lessen the devastation of a wildland fire for you and your family.

Here's a five-step plan to protect you, your family and your co-workers:

♦**Step No. 1:** Develop a Disaster Plan. In the event of a wildland fire, everyone in your family or workplace should know where to go. Always have a back up plan in case the first plan won't work or personnel get separated. When developing plans, remember that fire travels differently depending on wind, topography, fuel moisture and temperature.

Practice both plans before and during fire season which ranges from May to December. Don't wait until the last minute to do a dry run.

An emergency kit will save time when evacuation becomes necessary. A good kit includes, but isn't limited to the following items: a flashlight, a battery-operated radio, a first-aid kit, emergency food and water, a can opener, essential medicines, cash and credit cards.

♦**Step No. 2:** Protect your home and workplace. Keep a 30-foot safety zone around buildings. The zone doesn't have to be free of vegetation.

Within the safety zone, remove dead limbs from trees and leaves and twigs from the ground. Keep branches pruned at least six feet from the ground. A well-watered, well-cut lawn can minimize fire damage around buildings.

Propane tanks, including those used for barbecues, should be kept 30 feet from any building. Additionally, a 10-foot vegetation-free area should be maintained around each tank.

♦**Step No. 3:** Listen to local news broadcasts. Radio and TV stations will carry updated emergency information. Follow the directions given.

Whether at home or work, close doors, windows and gas valves when wildfire strikes in your neighborhood. Remove flammable drapes from windows and move combustible furniture to the center of the room away from windows.

When possible, place sprinklers on the roof and move combustible materials at least 15 feet from



TECH. SGT. SCOTT WAGERS

Sept. 13, 2000-- 2nd Lt. Jimmy Schlabach, 392nd Training Squadron, and his wife, Monika, watch the Harris Fire Burn near their home in East Housing. Schlabach and hundreds of other East Housing residents prepared to evacuate their homes as the fast moving fire burned within a quarter mile of some houses.

the building.

At home, confine pets in one room for easier evacuation. Make arrangements to house your pets with a friend who lives outside the danger area.

♦**Step No. 4:** Be ready to evacuate. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved cotton shirt,

gloves and a handkerchief to protect the face.

Call someone outside the fire area to tell him you are leaving and will check in periodically. Take the disaster kit and lock your home or workplace like you would normally do when you leave for the day.

♦**Step No. 5:** Be careful when re-entering fire areas. Hot-spots can flare up without warning.

Check the stability of the structure and trees in the vicinity. Verify that the roof and attic are free from sparks, embers or fire. Clean up debris in the area and continually check for flying sparks and embers in case re-ignition occurs.

For more information, call the base fire department at 606-4680.

S 30th Services

Coming to Vandenberg....



Saturday

7:30 p.m.

Doors Open 6:45 p.m.

at the

Cabrillo High School Gym

4350 Constellation Rd, Vandenberg Village

Admission is Free

TOPS IN BLUE 2001

will take center stage and perform a free, 90-minute show, guiding you through a magical journey of yesterday's and today's Broadway, pop and dance music, spiced with a combination of love songs and a heartfelt finale of 'God Bless The USA'.

ATWIND EVENT!



NEWS

YOUTH SPORTS

YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

Soccer fundamental skills for players 8 to 13 years.

Location: youth soccer fields. Clinic date: Aug. 6 to 10.

Registration: until Aug 3. Cost: is \$15 per player for players 8 to 13 years (\$10 for Youth Center members)

Registrations will be taken Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call 606-2152. (These clinics are nonrefundable.)

OUTDOOR REC

SANTA BARBARA SAILING TRIP - Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$38 per person. Minimum 6 persons. Must be over 15 years of age. Call Outdoor Rec at 606-5908 for more information.

GOLF

SATURDAY - Santa Maria Police Shotgun Tournament, 12:30 p.m. Open Play Shotgun start at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY - Scotch Foursome Tournament

ROD & GUN

SWAP MEET & OPEN HOUSE - Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone wanting to bring in items for the swap meet should call Lance at 606-0458. Sporting clays will be running that day.

BOWLING

AUGUST AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM for school-age youth. Cost is \$15. Youth may bowl from opening until 5 p.m. for 50¢ per game. Call 734-1310 for more information.

SWIMMING POOL

FRIDAY - DIVE-IN MOVIE - 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person, includes popcorn and a soda.

YOUTH WATER POLO - Through Aug. 10. Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session. Call 606-3581 for more information.

LIBRARY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS ALMOST OVER! The party is Aug. 4, at 6 p.m. and the whole family may attend! Dress warmly, you may be outside part of the time.

Turn in your reading passports by Aug. 3 if you want to be counted in 'Most Read Books' in your age group. Be VERY sure your name is on your passport. If you can't attend the party, let the library know and turn in your Reading Passports. EVERYONE gets a certificate and a prize even if you read just one book! **This is an ATWIND EVENT!**

The Youth Center invites YOU to a performance of

CHILDRENS' CREATIVE PROJECTS

Monday, 1 to 3 p.m.

presenting...

Admission is FREE!!!

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Vandenberg Information, Tickets & Tours

FUN SUMMER TRIPS!

• ROARING CAMP

& Big Trees Railroad
Aug. 4, \$75 per person

Includes transportation, steam train excursion & barbecue.

• SAN DIEGO

Aug. 9 through 12,
\$265 per person sharing

\$435 for singles. Amtrak, Surf to San Diego is available at additional cost.

• DODGERS VS. METS

Aug. 19, \$45 per person

Transportation and seating/loge seats (2nd level) / left field. For more information, call VITT at 606-7976.

Celebrate!

National Kid's Day

Aug. 5

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at the

Santa Maria

Boys & Girls Club

901 N. Railroad, Santa Maria

For information, call 606-2152.

Veterinary Clinic Open House

Building 10314, Community Loop

August 3, 12-3 p.m.

- Punch, cookies, pet samples and door prizes.
- Grooming demonstration by Regina of Pet Paradise.
- Owner of Five-Star Pet Lodge will be on hand.
- Military Working Dog demonstration at 2 p.m. at football field.

ATWIND EVENT!



Play ATWIND

at these activities!

THIS WEEK'S PLACES TO PLAY:

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| Today- | ATWIND Golf Day, all day! |
| Today- | Yoga, Services Center, 9 to 10 a.m. |
| Today- | IRAs, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to noon. |
| Today- | Dinner, Breakers, 4:30 to 7 p.m. & AETC, 5 to 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday- | Youth Bowling at the Bowling Center, all day! |
| Saturday- | Youth Golf at Marshallia Ranch, all day! |
| Saturday- | Skills Auto Hobby Shop, all day! |
| Saturday- | Tops in Blue, Cabrillo High School Gym, 7:30 p.m. |
| Monday- | ATWIND Fitness Day, Fitness Center, all day! (minimum 30 min. workout) |
| Monday- | Newcomer Spouse Orientation, Pacific Coast Club, 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. |
| Monday- | Water Aerobics, Family Aquatics Center, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. |
| Monday- | Financial Basics, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to noon. |
| Monday- | Lunch at the Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| Tuesday- | Job Info Expo, Family Support Center, 10 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday- | Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| Tuesday- | Stress Management Class at the HAWC, 2 to 4 p.m. |
| Tuesday- | Family Night, Pacific Coast Club, 6 to 8 p.m. |
| Wednesday- | ATWIND Library Day, all day! |
| Wednesday- | Total Body Aerobics, Services Center, 9 to 10 a.m. |
| Wednesday- | Water Aerobics, Family Aquatics Center, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. |
| Thursday- | ATWIND Fitness Day, Fitness Center, all day! (minimum 30 min. workout) |
| Thursday- | Skills - Arts & Crafts, all day! |
| Thursday- | Breakfast at Breakers, 5 to 8 a.m. & AETC, 5 to 7:30 a.m. |
| Thursday- | Lunch at the Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| Thursday- | Catholic Bible Study, Old Religious Education building, 7 p.m. |
| Aug. 3- | ATWIND Golf Day, all day! |
| Aug. 3- | Open House, Vet Clinic, noon to 3 p.m. |

ONGOING EVENTS

until Aug. 31

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held in November, Women's History Month held in March and Hispanic Heritage Month held from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Anyone can serve on these committees, regardless of race, creed, religion, sex or age. For more information, call Staff Sgt. CeeJay Brown at 606-0370.

VANDEMBERG TOP THREE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vandenberg Top Three will award two \$300 scholarships during the Aug. 16 general membership meeting. The scholarships are targeted at the base's active-duty enlisted members.

Candidates must submit a two- to three-page essay featuring an important aspect of enlisted military history. You may find the specific format requirements online at https://intranet.vandenberg.af.mil/top3/htmlfiles/2001_Scholarship_Program.htm. The deadline for submission is Aug. 9. For information, call Master Sgt. Jeff Sherrill at 606-5595.

AFPC ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Air Force Personnel Center is accepting applications for the White House Fellowship Program.

The one-year assignment is open to all U.S. citizens except federally employed civilians. White House fellows serve as special assistants to senior executives in cabinet-level agencies or in the executive office of the president. For more information, go to the web site at www.whitehousefellows.gov or call 2nd Lt. Karalyne Lowery at 605-8481.

PHARMACY TECH PROGRAM OPENS FOR FALL SEMESTER

Allan Hancock College is accepting applications for the Fall 2001 Pharmacy Technology Program.

The application deadline has been extended to Aug. 13. For more information, call (805) 922-6966 extension 3384.

CAPTAIN CENTRAL SELECTION BOARD CONVENES AUG. 27

The captain central selection boards are tentatively scheduled to convene Aug. 27 at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas.

For information about eligibility, call the 30th Mission Support Squadron career enhancement element at 606-2902.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS AUTHORIZED ONLY ON RESIDENCE

Housing and mobile home park residents are reminded that garage sale signs may only be posted on the property of the residence where the sale is being conducted. Space wing instructions state garage sale signs may not be attached to telephone poles, power poles, street light poles or trees. Additionally, signs aren't allowed in any location near public right-of-ways. For more information, call the military family housing office at 606-3434.

**Hey batter batter**

Bill Figgins, 614th Space Operations Squadron swings for a base hit in softball competition against 576th Flight Test Squadron team No. 1. The teams batted it out at field one Wednesday evening. The 576th defeated the 614th 18-3.

Take rage out of aggressive driving

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—We've all had the feeling. Another driver gets behind your car and follows too close. Or some one on the freeway shifts lanes abruptly and without signaling.

What those other people are doing is called aggressive driving. And all too often today, aggressive driving escalates to road rage.

One extreme case was in Birmingham, Ala. Gena Foster, a 34-year-old mother of three, got into a vehicular disagreement that left one dead.

As she got on a local freeway, she cut in front of Shirley Henson, a 40-year-old secretary with a teen-age son. Witnesses said Henson flashed her headlights.

Foster stepped on the brakes. Over four miles, the two drivers attacked each other, weaving in and out of traffic until both took the same freeway exit ramp. Foster got out of her car and ran toward Henson shouting.

Henson took a pistol from her glove compartment, opened her window and killed Foster instantly with a shot to the face.

Traffic congestion is getting worse.

More and more people are spending more and more time on the road. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration here says they have no hard statistics for aggressive driving and road rage incidents, but they believe it is getting worse.

NHTSA officials are working with the states to develop a definition of aggressive driving.

The working definition is two or more unlawful driving acts in congested traffic.

"This includes speeding, tailgating, red-light-running, improper passing and other moving violations," said NHTSA spokeswoman Liz Neblett. "Aggressive drivers are more likely to engage in high-risk and discourteous driving behavior."

DoD is among the entities looking into aggressive driving, because car accidents account for about 65 percent of the fatalities in the armed services, according to Phyllis Moon, an Army safety and occupational health manager based in Atlanta. "In the military, we train young men and women to be aggressive, to be risk-takers," she said.

"We train them 12 to 18 hours per day, and then we expect them to turn off this aggressiveness when they go off duty?" Moon said activities to

curb aggressive driving today are analogous to efforts to curb drunken driving in the 1980s.

"In the 1980s driving under the influence was an accepted norm," she said. "People are just beginning to realize that aggressive driving is a problem. People are just now developing programs to combat it."

The programs concentrate on recognizing aggressive driving and what to do to combat it. "The programs also stress how to recognize aggressive driving in yourself and how to control it," Moon said. The Army's Forces Command is working on a program called Combating Aggressive Driving. The command plans a pilot test at Fort Polk, La.

"There is a lot of interest in the program," Moon said. "We're hoping we can bring it to the forefront and at least start an awareness campaign — a behavior modification campaign — and reduce the number of soldiers who die."

If the Fort Polk test is successful, the program will move to the rest of the Army and then possibly to DoD, Moon said. Related sites: NHTSA home page, www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Aggressive driving vs. road rage, www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/enforce/aggressdrivers/aggenforce/define.html.

Community Calendar

Lompoc Unified District schools open

Aug. 22. Registration for kindergarten through 12th for the upcoming academic year is as follows:

Elementary School students can register 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the following schools on the day indicated; Wednesday at Los Berros; Aug. 3 at Crestview and Fillmore; Aug. 6 at Buena Vista, Hapgood, La Canada and Los Padres; Aug. 8 at Clarence Ruth.

Registration for new students at **Lompoc Valley Middle School** is 9 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 13 through Aug. 20.

Returning eighth-grade students can pick up their schedules in the gymnasium 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 15.

Returning seventh-grade students can pick up their schedules in the gymnasium 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 16.

Registration for new students at **Vandenberg Middle School** begins Aug. 13 at 12:30 p.m. and will continue through Aug. 20, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is by appointment only. Call the school office at 734-4391 to make an appointment.

Students new to **Cabrillo High School** can start picking up registration materials Thursday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Call the counselor's office at 733-4536 for more information. Ninth- and 10th-grade students new to the district need to take an English placement test. Pre-registered students will receive their information packages in the mail by Aug. 11.

Registration for new students at **Lompoc High School** begins Aug. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the counseling center located at 515 West College Ave. People should call 735-5606 to make an appointment.

Registration, orientation and testing for students new to **Maple High School** and opportunity class students begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 17 in the multipurpose room. Parents or guardians need to attend the meeting with students.

For more school registration information call the district office at 736-2371.

The **National Night Out Golf Tournament** is at 11 p.m. Wednesday at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. The cost is \$10 plus greens fees. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Call Senior Airman James Gardner at 606-0592 or 734-1366 for more information.

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THUR

The **Hispanic Heritage** Month planning committee meets in the services center Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People do not have to be Hispanic to participate. For more information, call Master Sgt. Pablo Mendez at 606-6504 or Senior Airman Alexander Rodriguez at 606-1541, extension 3718.

The **Titan Toastmasters** meet from 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday in the services center. People can learn how to speak effectively in a no-pressure and supportive environment. Participants can also learn how to run a meeting. Anyone interested is welcome. Call Loretta Williams at 605-3001 or Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, extension 3627, for information.

A **smart car buying workshop** will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the family support center. Participants can learn valuable information they can use to make a decision when it's time to buy a car. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration or information.

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Golfers are needed for the **Hi Neighbor** golf tournament Aug. 17, 11 a.m. at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. The cost is \$60 for Vandenberg players. The cost covers the host and the Santa Maria player and includes a round of golf, cart, lunch and an invitation to be a Santa Maria player's guest later that year. To sign up, call the 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office at 606-3595. Callers need to leave their name, phone number and handicap or average score.

At the movies

Today

ALANTIS: THE LOST EMPIRE

Starring Michael J. Fox and Claudia Christian.

In 1914, Milo Thatch, grandson of the great Thaddeus Thatch works in the boiler room of a museum. He knows that Atlantis was real, and he can get there if he has the mysterious shepherd's journal which can guide him to Atlantis. But he needs someone to fund a voyage. His employer thinks he's dotty, and refuses to fund any crazy idea. He returns home to his apartment and finds a woman there. She takes him to Preston B. Whitmore, an old friend of his grandfathers. He gives him the shepherds journal, a submarine and a five-star crew. They travel through the Atlantic ocean, face a large lobster called the Leviathan and finally get to Atlantis. But does the Atlantis crew have a lust for discovery or something else? Rated PG for action and violence.

Saturday

3 p.m.

ALANTIS: THE LOST EMPIRE

7:30

SWORDFISH

Starring John Travolta and Halle Berry.

When the DEA shut down its dummy corporation in 1986, they had generated \$400 million and let it sit. A covert counter-terrorist unit called Black Cell, headed by the duplicitious and suave Gabriel Shear, wants the money to help finance their raise-the-stakes vengeance war against international terrorism, but it's all locked away behind super-encryption. He brings in convicted hacker Stanley Jobson, who only wants to see his daughter Holly again but can't afford the legal fees, to slice into the government mainframes and get the money. Rated R for violence, language, ,sexuality and nudity.

Sunday

3 p.m.

SHREK

Starring Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy

In a faraway land called Duloc, a heartless ruler, the midget Lord Farquaad has banished all the fairy tales characters from the land so it can be as boring as he. But there are three characters who will stand in his way. The first is a green, smelly ogre with a heart of gold named Shrek, his faithful steed, a donkey who will do anything but shut up, and the beautiful, but tough Princess Fiona whom Lord Farquaad wishes to make his wife. Rated PG for mild language and some crude humor.

7:30 p.m.

SWORDFISH

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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FRI

The **Mid-State Fair** in Paso Robles runs now through Aug. 5. The event will feature fun and entertainment for the entire family as well as a selection of the hottest acts in music today. For more information, call (805) 238-0506 or visit the website at www.midstatefair.com.

An **individual retirement account seminar** will be held at 11 a.m. today in the family support center. People can learn how IRAs offer greater flexibility and incentives for savings. Participants will learn the differences between Roth and traditional IRAs, and how to determine the best ones for their needs. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

The **Air Force Aid Society** will pay for 15 hours of childcare for community volunteers. The program isn't intended to subsidize childcare for persons in resale, fund raising or social activities. The childcare must be provided by a licensed family day care provider on base. People can pick up information packages at the family support center or call the center at 606-0039 for information.

Tuition Assistance is available to all civil service employees pursuing bachelor or graduate degrees. Eligible people can take up to three courses per term and tuition assistance will pay for 75 percent of the cost up to \$187.50 per credit hour and a maximum of \$3,500 per fiscal year. This entitlement is for people in space command units only. For more information call the base education office at 605-5904.

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MON

A **financial basics class** will be held at the family support center at 10 a.m. Monday. Participants can learn financial management basics like checkbook maintenance, credit spending, choosing a financial institution, credit pitfalls, decoding financial terminology and making payday count. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

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TUE

A **job information expo** will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the family support center. The center's career focus program will provide information on local job employment opportunities and sources for job seekers. The seminar is a good opportunity for newcomers to find out who's hiring and who's not. People can learn how to post their resume to Air Force and other local websites. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for information.

There will be an **Asian-Pacific American Association** meeting 11 a.m. Wednesday in the base library. New committee members will be chosen for the upcoming year.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in association activities or becoming a member.

People with questions can call Staff Sgt. Darwin Arceo at 605-7372.



Freestyle diving

Derrick Henburg executes a backward flip dive at the base aquatic center **Wednesday**. The pool is open for general swimming from 1 to 3:45 p.m. on weekdays and from noon to 4:45 p.m. on weekends. Lap swimming is Monday

through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Lap swimmers can also use the pool Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 9:45 a.m.