

Astro News

Updating security clearances a must

Officials urge everyone to validate security clearances or losing them by September could become a reality for more than 700 Space and Missile Systems Center personnel

Staff Sgt. Jeff Capenos
Public Affairs

To date, approximately thirty six percent of LAAFB members, military and civilian, have failed to submit a personnel security questionnaire in order to maintain their Secret or Top Secret clearances.

"People don't generally understand the process of having and maintaining a security clearance," said Maj. Robert McKeand, Chief, Integrated Protection Operations, of SMC's Acquisition Systems Protection Division. "Security clearances are only good for so long, and then it's up to the individual to re-establish them."

A Secret clearance has an active life span of 10 years while a Top-Secret clearance is good for only five years before having to be revalidated. Recently, the Department of Defense identified a backlog of more than 600,000 people in need of re-validation of their security clearances. The DOD drafted a policy that everyone needing to re-validate their clearances must do so by September 30 or risk having their clearance downgraded or their access suspended.

"This is an important issue here for us given the nature of the work we do," McKeand said. "Security clearance downgrading or access suspension for someone would hamper their ability to

work, as they couldn't be allowed access to classified information or information at the required level and this would eventually hamper the effectiveness of the organization as a whole."

Anyone who has had their clearance longer than its respective life span should contact the unit security manager or if assigned to a system project office, the acquisition systems protection managers and check the current clearance status.

"We sent all unit security managers and ASPM a list of everyone who needs to re-validate their security clearance," said Dolores Russo, AX Personnel Security Specialist. "All people need to do is check with their security managers or ASPM to see if they've been identified and follow the necessary steps to complete the questionnaire."

The Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire, formally known as the Standard Form 86, can be accessed electronically through the SMC web site or at the Defense Security Service's web site (the current version is 2.1.1). Once an individual completes the form, they should save it to a disk and print two copies. Then they should keep one copy for their own records and take one copy and the disk to their security manager or ASPM for submission to the Acquisition Systems Protection Division office.

"The bottom line is get this done by September or your security access will be terminated or clearance level will be downgraded," McKeand said. "This doesn't mean people are going to lose their jobs, but it'll make getting our work done that much harder pending revalidation of the persons clearance."

"The counterintelligence and security challenges confronting military services have never been greater," McKeand said. "It is imperative we remain committed and vigilant to protecting ourselves and our assets."

New SBIRS director...



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Gomez

Lieutenant Gen. Eugene L. Tattini, Space and Missile Systems Center commander, presents the Space Based Infrared Systems Program Office guidon to Col. Michael Booen, during a change of directorship here Monday. Colonel Booen was formerly assigned at Kirtland AFB, N.M. and replaces Col. Daniel Burkett II.

Alpha Laser tested: Results raise confidence in feasibility of Space Based Laser project

REDONDO BEACH, CALIF. — In a demonstration of the rising maturity of high energy lasers, TRW has conducted a test of the Alpha high-energy laser that produced a 25 percent increase in the laser's output power and improved its quality.

The successful, six-second test of the megawatt-class Alpha was performed March 28 at TRW's Capistrano Test Site in Southern California as part of the Alpha Laser Optimization program. ALO is funded jointly by the Air Force and Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. The test marked not only the 22nd successful firing of the TRW-built Alpha, but also a significant step forward in the nation's disciplined maturation of the technology required to design and de-

ploy the Space Based Laser Integrated Flight Experiment (SBL-IFX), an experimental, space-based missile defense system being developed by the Air Force.

"The data gathered during this test of laser performance and beam uniformity are a critical part of the process we're using to develop and validate next-generation laser design tools," explained Dan Wildt, TRW's SBL-IFX program manager. "The more we understand about Alpha's performance under a variety of operating conditions, the better we'll be able to design and produce a laser optimized for the size, weight and

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Action Line 363-2255

The Action Line is your direct link to **Col. David E. Price**, 61st Air Base Group commander.



Q I understand there is a new DOD policy allowing military members to bring non-dependent friends into the commissary. However, I was told that LAAFB has decided not to implement this new policy. Is this true?

A That's correct. I made the decision to maintain the identification check station at the commissary entrance for several reasons.

First, Los Angeles AFB is somewhat unique in that it is a small installation located in a major metropolitan area. This makes maintaining installation security particularly challenging. I believe the Defense Commissary Agency's new policy has the potential of attracting people onto the base as guests who would not normally be authorized base access. This makes our security job more difficult.

In addition, the closure of other installations in the LA area means LAAFB now serves more than 24,000 military retirees and at least 29,000 members and dependents of other uniform Services, Reservists, and Guardsmen as well as our own 3,500 members and families.

There are many days when base facilities including the commissary are extremely crowded and parking areas are overflowing. I believe opening our commissary to guests will add to this problem.

Finally, commissary privileges are a benefit earned by military members. As the base commander, it's my responsibility to ensure our base facilities, including the commissary, are not used fraudulently. Allowing guests into the commissary increases the opportunity for unauthorized purchases.

I will continue to revisit my decision periodically; however, given current circumstances, I believe the risks this new policy presents outweigh the potential benefits it affords.

Q I wish to send appreciation on behalf of my mother, Mrs. Coralie Howard, for the great service provided by the Los Angeles AFB Retiree Activities Office.

My father spent more than 26 years in the Naval Reserve, and was a war veteran of both World War II and Korea. Unfortunately, he passed away before reaching the age of 60. Under previous laws, widows were granted reserve retirement benefits if there husbands passed away after the age of 60.

Recently, I discovered there was a change in the law which granted benefits to widows under the "Forgotten Widows" program. The Retiree Activities Office provided all the necessary information for my mother to research the new law. Last month, she began receiving retiree benefits from the Department of Defense. Your retiree activities staff did a superb job providing my mother with the correct information as well as the point of contact at the Pentagon. Please congratulate this great team for a job "well done" from the Howard family.

A I will definitely pass on your thanks to all the dedicated folks on our retiree activities team! This is one of many well-deserved kudos I have received for the outstanding support our retiree activities office provides to military retirees and veterans. In 1999, retirees contributed 7,117 hours of volunteer service to LAAFB. Great job and thanks from all of us!

Q Can someone please explain why we can't fix the problem with the Aviation Street Gate in Area A? We have had at least a dozen E-mails stating it's open, then closed again.

A Sorry we've had to close the Aviation Street Gate off and on for past few days. The problem is that somewhere near our gate post there is a habitat producing swarms of insects. The 61st Civil Engineer Squadron kills them when the guard shack becomes unlivable; then the next day a million more surround the guard shack. The source appears to be on the railroad track property adjacent to Area A. Unfortunately, we can't spray off base without permission from the property owner—CE is trying to get a release. I believe it's unreasonable to require our security forces to work for hours in small guard shacks without air conditioning surrounded by swarms of insects. Hopefully, we will soon get permission to spray the adjacent property and that will solve the problem. In the meantime, I apologize for the inconvenience.

Q I don't believe spraying for insects around the guard shacks is a healthy remedy. I know that Avon carries a product called Skin-so-Soft Bug Guard Mosquito Repellent. I have been told the

U.S. Marines use this when they go into the jungles. I think it would be healthier for the guards to use this product instead of breathing insecticides.

A I agree that breathing insect spray is unhealthy—that's why the gate must be vacated and closed when the area is sprayed. Regarding your suggestion that we issue insect repellent to our security forces, and then leave them to fight the bugs—I disagree. I don't believe it's necessary to subject our security forces to insect swarms in non-emergency situations, no matter how good the insect repellent is.

Therefore, we will continue to close the Aviation Street Gate when spraying is necessary. Thank you for your thoughts.

The purpose of the *Action Line* is to make Los Angeles AFB a better place to work, live and play. Of course the fastest way to resolve any problem is to ask the person who can actually fix it.

The following is a list of people who can do just that:

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As always use your chain of command to resolve a problem. If that doesn't work, call the Action Line. Your call will be recorded and if you leave your name and phone number, you will receive an answer.

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Space acquisition drives need for SMC

Col. Michael Kaye
Chief, Acquisition Support Division

“Space Acquisition Reform” is a driving need for the SMC community! We have to restore the confidence and trust taxpayers and users have in us as the acquiring agency for space systems. Our customers are multiservice—it’s not just the pilot in the cockpit, but the Army “grunt” on the ground, and we have to support them all. These warfighters, in every Service and Theater, rely heavily on our space systems to successfully and safely complete their missions.

We’re defining “Space Acquisition Reform” as “Mission assurance at reduced total ownership cost.” This recognizes that mission assurance is Job 1: If we don’t put a properly operating and controlled satellite in the right orbit, we don’t meet warfighter needs and we waste valuable time and money. It also recognizes that we still need to reduce costs throughout the system life cycle to meet all critical user needs within the constraints of tight budgets.

Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week (ALRW) (22-26 May) is an important opportunity for SMC to improve our acquisition programs. This week recognizes we still have a long way to go to reach closure on the acquisition process to get the best capability for the warfighter and the user with the dollars we have. Technology costs are high, and our dollars have always been, and always are going to be,

limited. We buy very complex and very capable systems for the best military in the world, and that’s going to continue to cost a large amount of dollars in terms of developing, acquiring and sustaining new systems.

The Department of Defense theme for this week is “Embracing Change for the 21st Century Warfighter.” We have further refined the theme for SMC to focus on “Partnering for Mission Assurance at Reduced Total Ownership Cost.” This emphasizes the “Space Acquisition Reform” discussed above while recognizing that partnering between users, acquirers and industry is critical to success. And when I say acquirer, I mean government, aerospace and support contractors. It’s a total across-the-board partnering. No one entity is smart enough, or capable enough, to do the entire job by themselves. It takes all of us working together.

We have three goals for this week. First, we want to make sure both government and industry understand the opportunities that are available for driving improvements—ideas other people have demonstrated in their programs that helped them work better and more efficiently. Our SPOs and staff offices have generated an awesome slate of superb workshops that will provide excellent insight and training, focused on mission assurance and reduced total ownership cost. We’re especially trying to focus on implementation as opposed to just knowledge. Our catalog should be out soon for people to start signing up.

This year we will have a web-based enrollment system that will simplify the process. The catalog will also aid our personnel in scheduling the best program by classifying workshops as basic, advanced or seminar. In addition, we will identify logical workshop sequences, or “tracks.”

Second, we need broad participation in workshops for discussion of ideas for implementation and further improvements. We want our industry partners to take full advantage of any workshop they feel will provide high return on their investment of time. Industry’s involvement also offers to yield tremendous benefit by providing their perspective, while ensuring we consider factors unique to their role in the partnership. Last year, about 1,500 SMC and 150 industry representatives participated in our workshops.

Finally, and most important of all, we want to drive change. To facilitate that, we have designated Friday, 26 May, as “SPO/IPT Day.” We will not schedule any workshops that day, but reserve it for teams to meet with users and contractors in person or by phone to discuss the good ideas they’ve encountered during the week. Teams should identify what they can apply to their program and map out implementation. I think that is the real payoff and opportunity for the week. If we can get each SPO to implement one beneficial change, the entire week will be a success. To further assist beneficial change, we are putting together “red teams” for Risk Management and Opera-

tional Safety, Suitability, and Effectiveness (OSS&E). These teams will each be available to conduct one assistance visit on programs yet to be selected. If they prove successful, we will work to expand their use past ALR Week.

A real highlight of past Reform Weeks has always been the VIP Day, which includes a speech and the Executive Panel discussion. This year, we’ve added an executive breakfast that will include our Executive Panel members as well as our “extended panel” made up of SPO directors and VIPs from industry that are not on the Executive Panel. We’ve also lengthened the Executive Panel discussion in response to significant feedback from last year, which has led us to include a lunch into the program for all attendees. We expect 350 people to attend, including substantial industry participation. Our headliner this year is Ms Darleen Druyun, the Air Force’s Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Management.

This year’s ALRW planning team, led by Capt Signe Vaughan, and aided by Mr Robert Gessner representing the NDIA, as the industry focal point, have done a tremendous job orchestrating the guest speakers, panels and coursework, all designed to support this year’s theme of “Partnering for Mission Assurance at Reduced Total Ownership Cost.” This theme puts the emphasis where our space programs need it: mission assurance—JOB ONE!

Final assignment couldn’t have been better

Gen. George T. Babbitt
Air Force Materiel Command

As I relinquish command and retire from the Air Force, I want to say thank you to the men and women, officer, enlisted and civilian, who have made it your mission to be the materiel foundation of aerospace power. I cannot imagine any better way to have closed out my Air Force career than leading a command composed of so many conscientious people, so much talent and intellect, so many winning attitudes, and such widely diversified expertise.

Nowhere was the collective excellence of AFMC’s people more evident than during the Kosovo air campaign. At that time, we also had undertaken the massive transfer of work from the depots at San Antonio and Sacramento, which are slated for closure. Also at that time, we were working hard to reduce back orders of spare parts, and did in fact trim those in 1999 by a little more than 35 percent.

I’m not pointing this out to toot my own horn; large organizations don’t succeed just because a certain person happens to be in charge. They succeed because of people who strive to do a good day’s work for their paychecks, or because people believe the work they’re doing has value, or because people see how their efforts contribute to accomplishing an important mission. It oc-

curs to me that the Air Force’s core values sum it up nicely. AFMC, and Los Angeles AFB, have succeeded because most of our people value integrity, excellence in all we do, and service before self.

At the February meeting of the Air Force’s senior leadership, Corona South, several people had praise for AFMC’s accomplishments, including Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters; Gen. John Jumper, commander of U.S. Air Forces Europe during the Kosovo operations and now commander of Air Combat Command; and Gen. Charles Robertson, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command. General Robertson is a tough customer, which in my mind, is a good customer, and he also noted areas for improvement.

That is fundamental to large organizations too: no shortage of areas for improvement ever exists. I think AFMC succeeds because most of us look within our own limited circles of influence (and all such circles *are* limited), and set about fixing or improving what we can.

In my own case, what I saw was that management and decision-making could become vastly more effective by applying sound business practices to conducting AFMC’s mission. Instead of allowing a budget to drive management decisions, I wanted to find out what it actually costs to provide the products and services that define the AFMC mission. The true costs of the command’s output became the basis for making deci-

sions about strategic planning, about relative values of goods and services, and about how we commit resources to producing them.

Not everybody has been a fan of this approach, and that’s typical of all changes. I’m reminded of a former AFMC commander who was heard to remark that this was the only organization he had ever been assigned to where an order was considered an invitation to debate. Some people, both in the command and outside it, still argue that a military organization cannot, or at least should not try to, function like a business. But I think it is shortsighted not to use the tools that American business has perfected, and which are so powerful. I have been encouraged that whenever I have had the opportunity to articulate that vision directly to people in AFMC, you have embraced it.

My hope is that AFMC continues to employ sound business practices, and to account for the true cost of its output, but that over time the emphasis on the tools and processes of American business will move into the background and become just a normal part of the way AFMC operates. I already see signs of that happening.

As I leave active service, I wish all of you at Los Angeles AFB continued success. I hope you realize how valuable your work is to our nation and find satisfaction in that, because, truly, AFMC is the bedrock on which the world’s greatest air and space force is built. Thank you for making my final command so rewarding.

Laser test reveals increase in amount of power extracted

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performance requirements of the SBL-IFX.”

Like Alpha, the SBL-IFX laser will be a cylindrical, hydrogen-fluoride chemical laser, but will take advantage of engineering advances in laser hardware since Alpha was designed in the mid 1980s, he added. TRW is part of Team SBL-IFX, a joint venture comprising TRW, Lockheed Martin, and Boeing that's designing and developing the SBL-IFX for the Air Force and BMDO.

According to Dan Novoseller, TRW's ALO program manager, the purpose of the recent test was to increase the amount of power extracted from Alpha's laser cavity by the optical systems that focus the energy into a laser beam.

“Historically, as part of a conservative optical design strategy, we've used hardware called clippers to restrict the size of Alpha's cylindrical, donut-shaped lasing cavity,” he ex-

plained. “Any photons that struck on or outside the clippers were diverted to energy ‘dumps,’ which reduced the number of photons available to form the laser output beam. Needless to say, we were not getting a full measure of Alpha's potential beam uniformity or output power.”

In the recent test, he added, the clippers were retracted to a position that did not prevent any photons produced by Alpha from striking the optical systems that generate its output beam. The results were significantly improved from all previous Alpha tests.

“In addition to producing about 25

percent more power than previous tests, Alpha generated an output beam that was

nearly perfectly round and more uniform in energy density,” said Novoseller. “These results raise our confidence in using a cylindrical laser approach for SBL-IFX and may help identify some ways we can reduce the size and weight of SBL-IFX subsystems required to operate the laser.”

As an example, he added, improvements in laser beam quality and output power produced per unit of chemical fuel would allow Team SBL-IFX to reduce the size and weight of the SBL-IFX laser's chemical fuel tanks without sacrificing

any mission capability. The SBL-IFX team plans to conduct additional testing of Alpha later this year to gather additional understanding of how changes in the chemical flow rate will affect its overall performance.

“The test results were extremely good,” said Lt. Col. Bill Possel, Deputy Director, Space Based Laser Project Office. “The SBL-IFX team is now more confident than ever that we can achieve our laser output goal and still remain within our size and weight budgets.”

TRW has been engaged in laser research and development since 1961. The company produces solid-state lasers for defense and industrial applications, and designs and develops a variety of high-energy chemical lasers for space, ground and airborne applications. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, TRW Inc. provides advanced technology products and services for the global automotive, aerospace, telecommunications and information systems markets. Its 1999 sales totaled approximately \$17 billion. News releases about TRW activities are available on the corporate Web site: www.trw.com.

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Deputy Director
Space Based Laser Project Office

Leading L.A.

Airman Lynnette Cockrell 61st Mission Support Squadron



Airman Cockrell works in the Enlisted and Officer Performance Reports section, and her daily tasks include monitoring the timeliness of all OPRs and EPRs processed with the Oracle database and tracking system and ensuring accuracy of all OPR and EPR related data in the Personnel Data System via PC III and Sperry. She is currently enrolled in her five-level career development course, and her goal is to score a 95 percent or better on the end-of-course test. She also enjoys taking advantage of all the wonderful opportunities the Air Force has to

offer, including attending delayed enlistment program commander's calls, where she talks to new recruits about her experiences in the Air Force. She also participated in the AIDS Walk LA. Recently, she was the ceremony aide for an enlisted promotion ceremony and served as recorder on a senior airman below-the-zone board. This California native feels right at home at Los Angeles AFB and in her free time enjoys going to classic car shows, dancing and especially spending time with her husband and family.

Congratulations

The following people recently received a Volunteer Excellence Award: **Dorothy Brown, Kathleen M. Hall, Barry Hash, and Norma Jackson.**

Also, the following were recently named Angel Award Winners: **Patrick E. Britton, Edward D. Maissian, Amy Miller, Lt. Col. James Rosa, Maj. Raymond F. Warriner and Rita Decelles.**

The SMC Senior Civilian Advisory Group congratulates the following employees on their selection as organizational winners for the first quarter of 2000:

Administrative Support Level — Jeanette Bangi, 61st Services Squadron; Sherl Price, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Office and Donielle Wilt, Directorate of Systems Acquisition.

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SMC Today

Got a good story? The staff of the video program, ‘SMC Today’, would love to hear about it. To submit story ideas for ‘SMC Today’, call Terry Hagar at 363-2465.

Preserving the environment...



Photo by Lou Hernandez

Sherry Goodman, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Environmental Security, talks with Dr. Rudi Mattoni, Professor of Geography and Biology at the University of California in Los Angeles. Goodman recently visited the Defense Energy Support Center in San Pedro to view the habitat of the endangered Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly. The blue butterfly population and supporting habitat are being restored at the Defense Fuel Support Point fuel terminal. Prior to the 1994 sighting at the fuel terminal, the butterfly was thought to be extinct and Palos Verdes



Courtesy photo

is still the only place where it known to exist. Mattoni originally discovered the habitat during a site survey and is on the team to save the rare butterfly from extinction.

Your health

New TRICARE emergency guidelines

Most people don't think about planning for emergencies, but in the event a serious injury or illness strikes, it is good to know that TRICARE will be there to help.

A recent TRICARE policy change incorporates the Prudent Layperson Standard into the emergency care definition.

This means that someone with average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect that the absence of medical attention would result in placing a person's health in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. According to this definition, if you or a family member ever believe you are in an emergency, TRICARE will cover the costs.

An emergency is defined as a sudden and unexpected medical condition, or the worsening of a condition, which poses a threat to life, limb or sight, and

requires immediate treatment; or a sudden, extremely painful condition which requires immediate treatment to alleviate suffering. Conditions, which require emergency care, could include loss of consciousness, shortness of breath, chest pain, uncontrolled bleeding, poisoning, suicide attempts, drug overdose and major depression.

"If you need emergency care, go directly to the emergency room at the nearest hospital, or dial 911."

— TRICARE Officials

If you need emergency care, go directly to the emergency room at the nearest hospital, or dial 911.

If you are enrolled in Prime and you access emergency care, be sure that you or a family member notifies the Health Care Finder (HCF) within 24 hours by calling (800) 406-2832, Option 4.

It is also a good idea to notify your Primary Care Manager (PCM), so they can arrange for appropriate followup care.

For details, visit the TRICARE Service Center or call 833-0261.

A clean beach...



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Gomez

Staff Sgt. Scott Ytsen, (left), Staff Sgt. Scott Silva (center) and Master Sgt. Anthony Wood, 61st Civil Engineer Squadron collect trash along Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro Friday as part of Earth Week clean up activities.

LA Experience

SMC attorney witnesses Hollywood first hand as game show contestant

Staff Sgt. Jeff Capenos
Public Affairs

Everyone dreams of being in show business at some point in their life, or even at some point during their tour here.

For one captain, that dream will come true 7:30 p.m. April 26 and 27 when he appears on a CBS television game show.

Captain Jesse Arnstein, from the Space and Missile Systems Center Legal Office, fulfilled what he deemed his "LA experience" in March when he successfully competed on The Hollywood Squares.

"When I got orders to come here a couple of years ago, I thought, 'I want to be on a game show. I want to have the complete LA experience,'" Arnstein said. "I thought it would be cool to see how all that works, and it was."

Arnstein's experience with Hollywood and show business started several months ago, and although it was 'cool,' he pointed out show business has some

tough spots as well. For example, getting on a game show isn't as easy as just showing up. To be on The Hollywood Squares, he had to attend meetings and screenings, be interviewed, take quizzes and play mock games. The selection rate for contestants on The Hollywood Squares is about 1 percent of the applicants.

"It's a long process, but worth it," Arnstein said. "I learned a long time ago you'll never get what you want if you never try."

Keeping that spirit in mind when he played, his first game paid off as he won prizes totaling more than \$5,000 and a Mediterranean Cruise and the opportunity to come back a second day.

"Playing for real is difficult," Arnstein said. "It's not like kicking back on your couch at home where there's no pressure. When you're actually playing, there's cameras everywhere and flashing lights and celebrities and money and prizes on the line. It's nerve-racking."

But the pressure didn't seem to affect the prosecutor too much as the tape

rolled the second day. His strategy was to have faith in himself when it came to answering the questions, or as he described, going with what my gut was telling me.

While his strategy worked initially during the second day, luck, it seems, wasn't in his favor when it came to questions he knew about.

"There's an incredible amount of luck involved in the game," Arnstein said. "You either get good questions to answer or you don't. Unfortunately, as everything was going well for me, I got an unlucky question at a pivotal point in the game."

The pivotal point Arnstein referred to is the "Secret Square." The Secret Square is a part of the game that has an extraordinary amount of prizes associated with it, which roll over from day to day if no one selects it. Well, Arnstein selected it, and it was worth more money than he could remember, along with a trip to Hawaii and computer equipment and other prizes.

"You wouldn't believe how much pressure I was under at that one moment,"

Arnstein said. "And I got a question about something I'm not that entirely familiar with...playwrights!"

With all the prizes on the line, the question went to actor and comedian Gilbert Godfrey, and Arnstein stuck to his strategy and thought he knew the answer himself. But unfortunately, Arnstein didn't agree with the star and he ended up giving the wrong answer and the square went to his opponent, who ended up winning the game and the day.

"I had no business thinking I knew the answer to the question," Arnstein said. "It's amazing how much was riding on that one split second in time."

While Arnstein didn't go on to a third day of action, he did receive nice gifts and now the chance to say he truly has had the full LA experience.

"I was a little disappointed I didn't win the second day," Arnstein said. "But, I got to be on The Hollywood Squares. How cool is that? Plus I got to see how a TV show is put together and how it all works. It was an experience I'll never forget and I'm very grateful for."

Air Force Space Lab helps map the world

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — Air Force Research Laboratory space workers were glued to their televisions recently as they watched the Space Shuttle Endeavour lift off on a unique mission.

Aboard was a critical composite structure the lab helped develop for an assignment with literally global implications: Create the most complete topographical map ever made that uniformly and accurately measures the elevation of the earth's geography.

"Led by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency and NASA, the 11-day Space Shuttle Radar Topography

Mission was an international effort to obtain the most complete radar-based, high-resolution digital topographic database of the earth," said AFRL engineer Bob Acree. "Our role at AFRL's Space Vehicles Directorate was to help build a composite mast to hold the radar apparatus steady enough to obtain clear images of the earth from orbit."

Tightly folded into the Endeavour's cargo bay, this enormous 60-meter (200-foot) mast, formed from strong yet lightweight composite graphite-epoxy and titanium, unfurled from the Shuttle and rigidly supported two radar

antennas that scanned the earth and collected very sharp images.

The \$8 million boom-like structure, stable as Vermont granite, steadied the radar equipment like a tripod locks down a camera and prevents blurred photographs. Platform stability is especially important when you are high in orbit; excessive shakiness can distort the radar images and obscure accurate readings.

"We assisted a team of contractors by developing the fabrication process and then helped them make the struts for the mast in AFRL's Composite Structures Laboratory," said Acree. "The final mast was assembled at AEC-Able Engineering, Co., in Goleta, California."

Above it all on Mount San Jacinto

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Songbirds sang and darted in and out of snow-covered branches as a cool, pine-scented breeze drifted across the deep blue sky.

Enjoying this natural setting and taking in views of the desert valley floor, some 8,500 feet below, made it hard to believe that Los Angeles was only two hours away. We were nearly on top of Southern California's second tallest peak, Mount San Jacinto.

San Jacinto, which was formed by volcanic action, stands at 10,804 feet above sea level and is a great day trip for individuals and families needing a nature break.

That's right, I said day trip.

While the mountain offers granite peaks, forests, fern-bordered mountain meadows and more than 51 miles of trails, it's the easiest mountain you'll ever summit.

What makes it so easy is the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway.

Starting in Chino Canyon, just outside Palm Springs, the Swiss-style tram takes passengers from Valley Station at 2,642 feet elevation to the Mountain Station on top at 8,516 feet elevation. When booking tickets at the Valley Station, be sure to show your military identification to receive a discount rate.

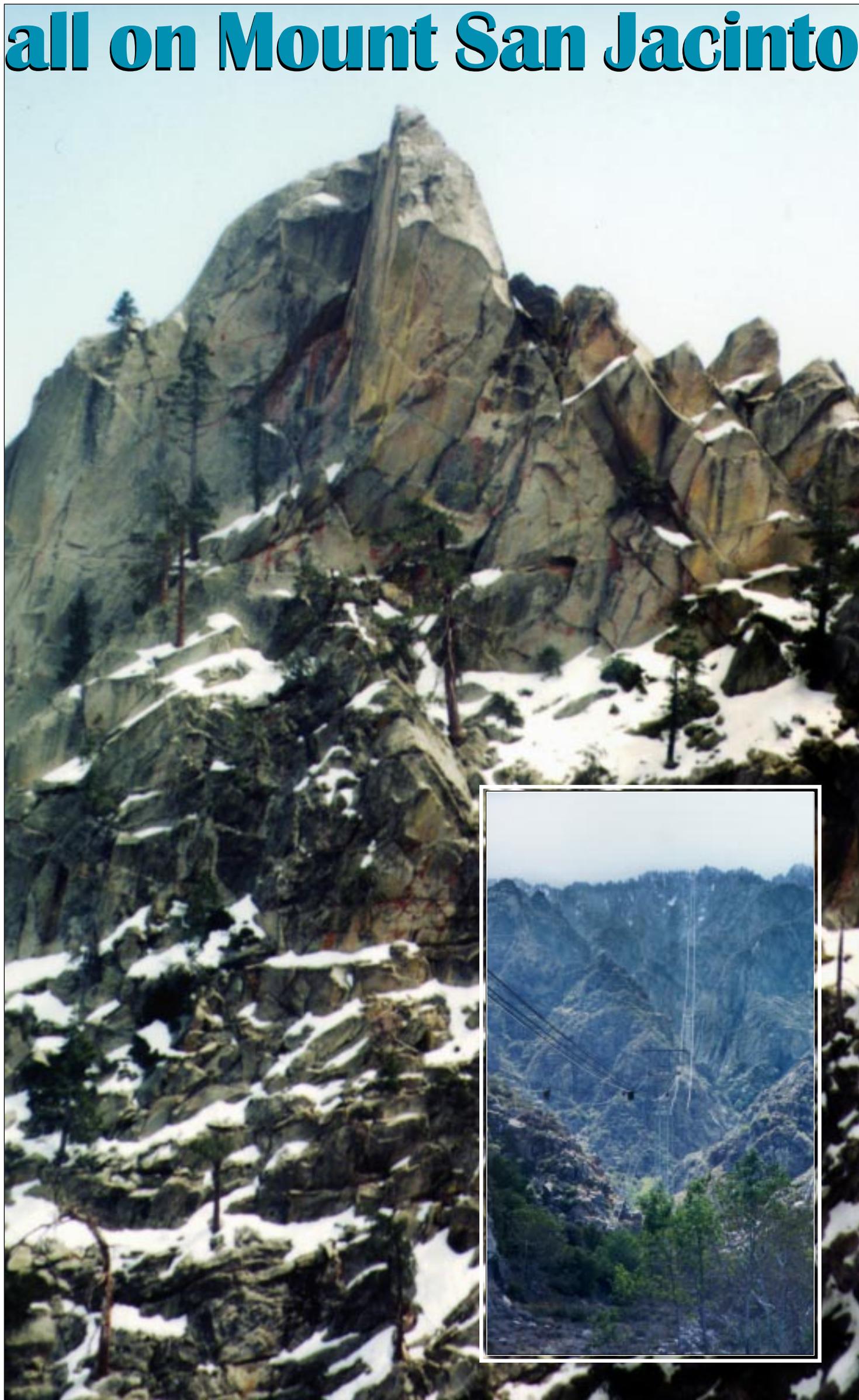
On top, the Mountain Station has a restaurant, gift shop, snack bar and a state park visitor's center. It's also the starting point for most of the trails, which range from very easy walks to advanced back-country travel.

Beware though, the aerial tram is not for people afraid of heights. The ride offers breathtaking views of the mountain and the surrounding area, but does travel several hundred feet off the ground. It can get a little hairy when the tram car swings sideways in the wind! But the trip up is worth the view and the cool, clean, fresh air.

To get there, take Interstate 10 East to Highway 243 South toward Palm Springs. The aerial tram is well marked on the right side of the road as you enter Palm Springs. From Fort MacArthur, the trip takes about two hours. For more information, call (760) 325-1391.

See you out there.

(Right) One of the many peaks visible during the ride up to the Mountain Station on the aerial tram. (Inset) The view up the tram cables from the Valley station.



Earth Day celebrates 30 years environmental movement

Steve Milligan

377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — It was the late 1960s, a time of peace, love and flower power. Vietnam was raging and people were getting involved in causes, any cause would do because it was fashionable. There were protests, love-ins and teach-ins.

It was the latter that gave former senator Gaylord Nelson the idea to hold a national teach-in on the environment. The idea gave birth to the first Earth Day.

In August 1969, Nelson went to work raising funds and preparing letters for 50 governors and mayors of every major city describing the event and seeking their support by having them issue Earth Day Proclamations.

Nelson said once the news got out about the teach-in to be held in the spring of 1970, it took off like gangbusters. By December, so many calls, letters, and telegrams had come in about Earth Day, he had to

move activities out of his senate office and open an office in Washington to serve as a clearinghouse for inquiries and activities.

At this point, Nelson hired Denis Hayes and others to coordinate the effort. Hayes served as the Executive Director of the first Earth Day.

During the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, Hayes wrote an article reflecting on its history in which he said, "The environmental movement is the most successful social movement in American history. Hundreds of billions of dollars have been spent cleaning up the air, water and land. Scores of federal and state laws have fundamentally changed the ground rules of modern life."

Today, Earth Day is celebrated by schools, communities, and military installations around the world.

There are many things we can all do to help our environment. Some of these things include:

- Attend or help organize Earth Day events.

- Support environmentally conscious businesses in your purchasing and investing decisions.

- Adopt a park or community area and restore or improve it for Earth Day.

- If you have a garden, use natural pest control methods.

- Reduce your energy consumption and increase your energy efficiency.

- Dispose of hazardous materials properly and minimize your use of such products.

- Conserve water.

- Keep your vehicle engine well-tuned, emissions systems checked, buy radial tires and check tire pressure regularly.

- Support recycling at home and in your workplace.

- Compost food and yard debris

- Buy products made with recycled materials especially paper and paper products with "post-consumer" content.

- Bicycle, carpool or use public transportation.

These and other suggestions can be found on the San Diego Earth Times, Earth Day Project Library web site at:

www.sdearthtimes.com/edn/cando/

[ideas.html](#).

Another thing we can do if we have children is to get them involved. Children can do a lot to make a difference.

Eleven years ago a nine-year-old little girl named Melissa Poe watched the TV show "Highway to Heaven" dealing with what the future would be like if people didn't take care of the environment. At the end of the show, the late actor Michael Landon made the statement, "It's not too late. People who care will do something."

Melissa cared and she and a group of five friends started Kids For A Clean Environment or Kids F.A.C.E.*.

Today, the organization is over 300,000 strong, in twenty-two countries and is the largest youth environmental organization in the world. The organization is run by a CEO (Child Executive Officer) who passes the leadership to another high school student when they graduate. Anyone interested can get more information through their web site at www.kidsface.org.

Lifting himself to new heights, championship

John Ryan
Public Affairs

Ever thought about doing something on a whim even though you weren't really prepared?

That is exactly what Tech. Sgt. Everald Foster, Quality Assurance Evaluator for Housing did during a Armed Forces National Powerlifting Competition held at San Diego State University, Calif., March 11.

"I was not even considering competing since I had recently hurt my knee and had not been training much," said Foster. "But a friend of mine, Gene Bell, who is a world champion powerlifter, talked me into it."

Foster usually competes in the 220-pound class. However, since his friend Bell was going to compete in the same weight class, Foster decided to "drink a lot of water" and was fortunate to weigh in at 222 ¼ pounds. This put him in the next higher class.

"There were eight competitors in the 242-pound class, and I was hoping I would finish in the top five," said Foster.

For those not familiar with the sport of powerlifting, there are three categories. First, there is the squat, then the bench press and finally the dead lift. Each competitor has three tries in each category to lift as much weight as possible.

Foster has been powerlifting since 1992 and has a reputation for being an excellent dead lifter. He was a champion in the 220-pound class Armed Forces Nationals in 1996. Foster also holds the California State deadlift record at 722 lbs.

Foster lifted 575 lbs in the competition squat, which was about 90 lbs less than he normally lifts. Next he benched 385 lbs, which was also below his usual 420 lbs, and he thought he was out of the running.

However, much to his surprise, the competition was not of the same caliber he was accustomed to. Entering the last event, Foster was in second place.

Knowing the last event would determine who would win the competition, Foster "psyched himself up" to be mentally and physically prepared for the challenge.

"I was really tired but the adrenaline really started going," said Foster. "I was really pumped to give it my best."

Foster lifted 685 lbs in the dead lift, which propelled him into first place. He won in the 242-pound weight class and earned the title for the Armed Forces Nationals.

"I really was surprised by the results," said Foster. "I guess it was my lucky day."

Fun running...



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Christylou Stanio, along with approximately 20 members from Los Angeles Air Force Base, recently participated in the 18th Annual Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon held in Griffith Park Saturday. Los Angeles AFB teams placed first, second and third in the mixed military competition and third place in the military mens division. Five hundred dollars was raised for the St. John's Child and Family Development Center which helps children with special needs including educational, psychological and physical problems.

Sport Shorts

Men's and Women's Softball

Teams are now forming for the Air Force Materiel Command All-Star Softball Tournament. The men's team is going to Eglin AFB, Fla., July 5 to 11, and the women's team is going to Robins AFB, Ga., July 26 to Aug. 1. If interested in playing, call Tech. Sgt. Juan Gordovez at 363-6816 or stop by El Segundo Fitness Center to sign up.

Armed Forces Marathon

To run the Air Force Marathon this year, an Air Force Form 303 is due tomorrow. There is no trial camp. The Armed Forces Championship is in Washington D.C., October 19 to 23. For details, call 363-6814/6815.

Intramural Rugby

Rugby season has begun and is open to everyone, no experience necessary, with no specific height or weight requirement. If you have the "heart," you can play this game. Practice is once a week alternating between Fort MacArthur and Lawndale. For details, call Master Sgt. Drew Gray at the rugby hotline 363-1881 or 2nd Lt. Jason Breslin at 363-4921.

AF Form 303 due dates

GOLF – due June 20. Trial Camp is at the Air Force Academy, Colo., Aug. 4 to 10.

MEN'S SOFTBALL — due June 17. Trial Camp is at Eglin AFB, Fla., Aug. 2 to 20.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL — due June 17. Trial Camp is at Eglin AFB, Fla., Aug. 2 to 20.

WOMEN'S SOCCER — due July 7. Trial Camp is at Travis AFB, Calif., Aug. 21 to Sept. 8.

MEN'S SOCCER — due Aug. 11. Trial Camp is at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, Sept. 25 to Oct. 13.

RUGBY — due Aug. 24. No trial camp. Armed Forces Championship is at NAS Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 8 to 15.

Personal Trainers Available

The fitness center offers one-on-one, free individualized fitness training. Personal trainers offer the following services: fitness assessments, personal fitness planning, fitness goal setting, programs to lower cholesterol, strength training, cardio-vascular training, proper use of equipment and proper lifting techniques. Appointments are made by calling 363-6815 or ask at the fitness center front desk.

May is fitness month— let the games begin

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The Los Angeles Air Force Base fitness center invites you to participate in Air Force May Fitness 2000, the 15th annual May Fitness Month.

Throughout the year, fitness centers worldwide will encourage Air Force personnel to make fitness a regular part of their daily lives. Each base will conduct special events and programs during May, and a worldwide 5K-fitness run is planned during Armed Forces Week (May 14-20).

"May Fitness Month continues to be one of our major events, especially this year as we commemorate the 2000 Olympics," explained Jay Ramalho, Fitness Center Director. "We will conduct both fitness and sports events to attract newcomers to the fitness center.

Their efforts may make them eligible for the grand prize — a trip for four to the Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis."

The 2000 program, sponsored in part by Gatorade and StairMaster, will use stamp cards where participants accrue points to earn an incentive prize and become eligible for the grand prize.

"Here at Los Angeles, we're working on special fitness events during May such as a mud volleyball tournament, 2-ball basketball tournament, tennis and racquetball tournaments and single pitch softball tournament, said Ramalho.

May Fitness Month events are designed for all ages,

however individuals must be at least 18 years old to be eligible for the grand prize. For more information, contact the fitness center at 363-6815.

How to earn points for prizes

Points are awarded as an incentive each time a member engages in any of a number of fitness or health activities. The more involved a member becomes in May Fitness Month activities, the more points they earn. There is no upper limit to the number of points a person may earn; however, participants may earn only one incentive reward.

Points are earned by completing individual or group exercise activities and by participating in USAF and base-sponsored May Fitness Month activities.

Points are awarded as follows:

- Daily workout (by self, not a class): 1 pt (limit to one workout per day).
- Participate in aerobics class: 2 pts (limit to one workout per day).
- Compete in a sports tournament (held in conjunction with May Fitness Month – see tournaments below): 2 pts.
- Start and complete the Cardio Fitness Challenge: 5 pts (for each program completed).
- Attend a HAWC seminar on nutrition, health, etc. (held in conjunction with May Fitness Month): 2 pts (for each seminar attended).
- Participate in Worldwide May Fitness Month Armed Forces Day 5K Run/Walk on May 15: 5 pts.
- Participate in base-sponsored May Fitness Month

2000 Event (see events below): 3 pts for each event.

- Have a body fat evaluation May 1 to 5: 3 pts.

Turn in all completed cards to the front counter to redeem prizes and enter the drawing for the grand prize.

To undertake and complete the Cardiovascular Fitness Challenge, people must complete the following:

AEROBICYCLE	2 HOURS
STAIRMASTER	2 HOURS
ROWING	2 HOURS
STAIRMILL	2 HOURS
NAUTILUS	2 HOURS
TREADMILL	2 HOURS
NORDICTRACK	2 HOURS
AEROBICS	2 HOURS

Time frame for other individual events are:

May 1 to 5	Body fat evaluations
May 8	Tennis tournament begins
May 10	Around-the-world basketball shootout
May 12	Single-pitch softball tournament
May 15	5K fun run/walk
May 15	Racquetball tournament begins
May 19	2-ball basketball tournament
May 22	Weight lifting (squat) competition
May 24	Aerobithon
May 26	Mud volleyball tournament

For more details or to sign up, call the El Segundo Fitness Center at 363-6815.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to make home improvements

John Ryan
Public Affairs

Improving the quality of our lives is the focus of a new facility on Fort MacArthur.

As of Friday, anyone living in military housing can now improve their base living conditions at the Self-Help Work Area, Building 64 at Fort MacArthur. The work area is a do-it-yourself center for individuals who want to complete home projects ranging from repairing screen doors to gardening.

The center also has plants, bark, grass seed, lawn mowers, trimmers and virtually everything for outdoor and gardening needs. In addition, the center has paint, rollers and tarps available for anyone interested in changing or adding a new coat of paint.

"I almost feel as if I have my own mini Home Depot," said Randy Facca, Trend Tec Self-Help Coordinator. "Some weekends I get as many as 300 people coming in to look for a variety of things to im-

prove or make their house a home."

For more information, stop by the Self-Help store from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



Photos by Senior Airman Angela Malek

Jose Perez, Trend Tec peels back the new Self-Help center sign.



Captain Robb Wirthlin from the Advances Systems Directorate, and his children Joey (center) and Riana pick out Marigolds the Self-Help Center Friday.

Base briefs

Technology Expo 2000

An Information and Technology Expo will be held May 2 in The Club main ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and all personnel are invited to attend. More than 20 exhibitors will be on-hand featuring the latest computer hardware, software and services. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Enlisted corps

The Base Enlisted Association has designated Thursday "Bring your child to work day" in celebration of Month of the Military Child. All enlisted members are encouraged to bring their child to work that day and show them what mom or dad does for a living. Also, please coordinate with supervisors to ensure there is no conflict with mission related duties.

Sponsor training

Summer is the time for most relocations. Are you prepared to sponsor a newcomer to your organization? The next sponsor training will be held May 4, from 9 to 10 a.m. Building 219 Room 1507. This is an opportunity for all sponsors to learn where to find answers for their inbound troops. To sign up for the class, call the Family Support Center at (310) 363-1121.

Holocaust Remembrance

The annual Los Angeles AFB program to memorialize the victims of the Holocaust will take place May 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedalian Room at The Club. The Honorable Uriel Palti, Deputy Consul General of the State of Israel will be the guest speaker. The topic is Israel Facing the 21st Century: From Ashes of the Holocaust - to Making Peace in the Middle East. For more information, call Senior Airman Adam Scheuer at

363-5353.

AFIT Engineering Society

The Air Force Institute of Technology, Ohio Eta Chapter, of the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi, is soliciting nominations of resident school graduates who are Tau Beta Pi Members for its distinguished alumni award. Nominations will be accepted until June 9.

Nominations, including supporting documents, should be submitted to Maj. Jeffrey Bons, AFIT/ENY Bldg. 640, 2950 P Street, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7765.

For details, email Jeffrey.Bons@afit.af.mil.

Air Commandos

The Air Commando Association Operation Hurlburt Homecoming 2000 reunion will be held at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Oct. 5-8. For more information, call (850) 581-0099 or FAX (850) 581-8988.

Secretaries of State Conference

The 16th Annual Conference with the Secretaries of State and World Leaders is May 5 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Bovard Auditorium (Trousdale Parkway between Child's Way and Hellman Way), University of Southern California.

The conference is free to all Los Angeles AFB employees (military, civilian, contractor) and features discussions about foreign policy issues facing the United States and the world.

Attire for military members is the blue uniform, but service dress is encouraged, and business attire is encouraged for civilians and contractors.

Reservations to attend must be in by Friday. To register, contact 1st Lt. Kevin Mattern at 336-4698

or kevin.mattern@losangeles.af.mil; or 1st Lt. George Peasant at 363-0135/2706 or george.peasant@losangeles.af.mil.

Manage your move

A Managing-Your-Move workshop will be Thursday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in Building 219, Room 1507. Hear information from family support, housing, the clinic, traffic management, legal and military and travel pay. Participants will learn how to relieve the stresses of relocation. To register, call 363-1121.

AFA 2000 salute banquet

The Air Force Association Gen. Bernard Schriever Los Angeles Chapter 147 will host the AFA 2000 Salute Banquet Friday, July 28. SMC Public Affairs will solicit award nominations honoring SMC personnel at the end of April.

Easter Chapel Services

Protestant services

Easter Sunrise Service - Sunday at 6 a.m. by the Flagpole on Fort MacArthur

Sunrise Breakfast - Following the sunrise service, Building 37 at Fort MacArthur

Easter Service - Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Fort MacArthur Chapel

Catholic services

Good Friday - Today at 11:30 LAAFB, Launchpad Room and at 7 p.m. at the Fort MacArthur Chapel

Holy Saturday - Saturday 8:30 at Fort MacArthur Chapel

Easter Sunday - Sunday 9 a.m. at Fort MacArthur Chapel

The Club 363-2230

A Secretary's Day luncheon will be April 26 in the ballroom. The price is \$5.95. The menu includes stuffed, boneless-chicken breast, rice pilaf, honey-baked baby carrots, green salad, butter and rolls, white wine and cheese cake. There is a special gift for those who make a reservation, which can be made by calling 363-2230.

A Cinco de Mayo Luncheon is May 5 in the ballroom. The price is \$5.95.

The May member's special is chili cheese onion fries for \$1.95.

The bar is open Fridays at 4 p.m. Free snacks are available to club members. The disc jockey starts at 5 p.m.

Barber Shop 363-1733

The shop's hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Building 120.

Youth Services 363-8383

A free Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Fort MacArthur Parade Grounds for family members of active-duty military and DoD employees. This activity is for toddlers through children 10 years of age.

A teens-only Spring Fling Dance is May 12 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the community center. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members.

It is time to comb that hair, cut and polish those nails, brush those pearly whites and tie

those fancy ribbons in your hair to prepare for our Spring Pet Show. Pets may bring all their exotic humans to the Youth Center on Saturday, May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The Ronald McDonald Fun Run is slated for May 21. All ages can participate. All proceeds support Camp Ronald McDonald. Entry fees are \$15 per runner prior to April 28, \$20 after April 29. Sign up by April 24.

Youth Activities is looking for instructors to teach ballet, tap, gymnastics and piano. For more information, call Rebecca Burns at 363-8381.

Youth activities are open to DoD civilian employees' family members. For more information, call 363-8564.

Los Angeles AFB Performing Arts Troupe--want to develop your artistic side? Whether you are or want to be an actor, dancer, singer, artist, seamstress, director, choreographer, carpenter, lighting technician or stage mom/dad, sign up now.

It's time to sign up for swim team. Last year we had a great team that took home several first-place ribbons. Whether you are a beginner or an expert swimmer, this program is great. Call youth activities for more information.

A Teen Council Meeting is May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Teen Center. This is your chance to give your input about things happening at the Teen Center and things you would like to see happen.

There is also a Teen Night Out May 6 from 8:30 to midnight. Events include a pool competition and three-on-three basketball. Also, scary movies will be shown along with munchies being served.

Youth Activities needs instructors to share their talents in ballet, tap, gymnastics, art, music, cooking or any area of interest. For more information, call Rebecca Burns at 363-8381.

Family Child Care 833-8334

The Family Child Care Program is looking for individuals who enjoy working with children, want to work out of their home and earn money. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please call our office at 363-8335. You will receive all the training required.

Vet Clinic 363-8269

The vet will be in today. Call 363-8269 for an appointment. Messages may be left on the answering machine when the clinic is closed. Please state name, phone number, animal's name and species, as well as what kind of appointment is needed. The clinic will call you back with an appointment.

The Vet Clinic accepts VISA and MasterCard.

Child Development Center 363-8335**El Segundo**

An open house will be Thursday at 3 p.m.

Fort MacArthur CDC

Family Fun Day will be Friday at 10 a.m.

Parents are invited to join in celebrating the Month of the Military Child. Activities include games, crafts and a nature walk. An old-fashioned barbecue will follow. Volunteers will be needed for activities and cooking duty. Please sign up in your child's class.

A "free" San Pedro Maritime Museum field trip for Rooms 2 and 4 will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A sack lunch will be provided. Sign up in your child's classroom.

The El Segundo CDC needs used compact discs to make sun catchers in the spring.

Community Center 363-8225

The annual Easter brunch will be Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$15.50 per adult, \$7.50 for children five to 12 years old and free for children under five. The menu consists of crepe bar, omelet bar, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, country-fried potatoes, assorted mini-muffins and scones, freshly baked breads, baked ham, roast turkey, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable melange,

pasta salad, Caesar salad, fruit salad, brownies, assorted cookies, champagne, assorted juices, coffee, and tea. For reservations, call 363-8225.

The Community Center hosts Family Feud Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. Get your families together (or neighbors if you don't have five family members) or just watch.

The Community Center tours the Griffith Observatory May 13. The cost is \$5 for transportation. The bus leaves the Community Center at noon and returns at 6 p.m. Sign up deadline is May 11.

The Community Center has a game night May 2 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Fort Mac Hall in building 425. The night is free and open to all military identification cardholders ages 18 and over and their guests. Several board games as well as cards will be available or bring your own.

Auto Skills Center 363-1705

The April monthly special is shock replace-

ment, including parts, for \$40.

Outdoor Recreation

Equipment rental special: Picnic packs	
Large \$30	Small \$22.50
large canopy	small canopy
four chairs	two chairs
150-qt. cooler	100-qt. cooler
frisbee	frisbee
volleyball Set	volleyball Set

Los Angeles AFB has four recreational vehicle storage facilities located next to Building 219 and 215 in Area B, three next to the FamCamp in Lawndale and one at Fort MacArthur. Storage fees are \$30 a month for RVs over 23 feet and \$20 a month for RVs under 23 feet long.

Los Angeles AFB operates a family campground consisting of 15 hardstand units with hookups for water and electricity located on Aviation Boulevard between Marine and Rosecrans. It is open year-round and advanced reservations are accepted. The fee is \$8 per day. For details, call 363-2081.

