

Swap ads

For sale

Round, above-ground pool. Metal frame. Step ladder. Filter. \$175. 449-6358.

Black leather sectional with recliner and chaise. Retail \$1,700, sell \$500. Oval glass top dining set with four chairs, \$40. 689-8731.

Vehicles

1975 Glastron 17.5" tri-hull fish/ski boat. Strong 1996 115 HP Mercury O/B. Electric trolling motor, new down rigger, new canvas cover, extras. \$3,200. 435-9063.

Band

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20,000 pounds of equipment.

It's a lot of work to put on a concert, but it's worth it," said Tech. Sgt. Preston Keating, noncommissioned officer in charge of public affairs and the rock band, Mobility. "Music inspires a sense of patriotism and leaves a positive impression of the United States Air Force which we are proud to give."

With a demanding schedule filled with holiday performances and special events, travel and time away from family can take a toll on the members.

Despite the traveling, loading and unloading, setting up equipment, running microphone cables, scheduling and planning, the team always finds the strength to rock and roll for others.

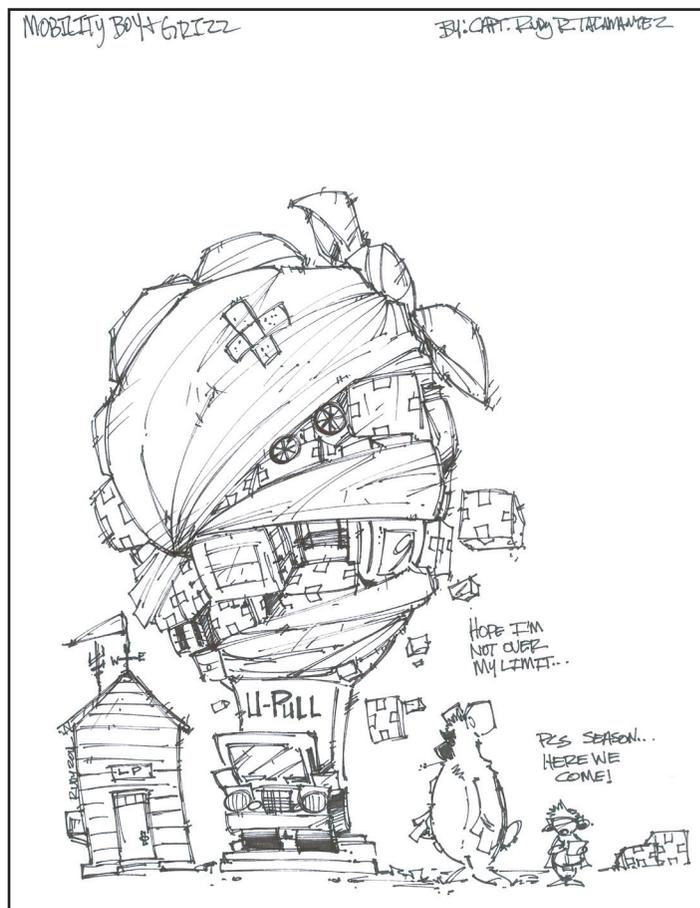
Every year the Band of the Golden West performs on Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Independence Day. The band performed nine Independence Day concerts this year in Northern and Southern California.

"These holidays are times for us as a nation to celebrate the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country," said Senior Master Sgt. Katherine Homan, Band of the Golden West manager. "It is an honor and a privilege to take part in these celebrations, and a great opportunity to say thank you to our local communities for their support of all military members."

Airman 1st Class Megan Hokaj, vocalist, said she is thankful to utilize her musical talents.

"I am proud to serve my country in the best way I know how," she said.

Cartoonist's Corner



Look for more of Capt. Rudy Talamantez's cartoons in upcoming editions of the Tailwind.

Safety

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alerted by the illumination put off by the automobile, signaling the vehicle was decelerating.

"I see his car rapidly decelerating, so I get on my brakes," said Major Apple.

Clutching the brakes, Major Apple was able to slow his motorcycle down to a speed of approximately 10 mph. However, these efforts were not enough to avoid impact.

"I hit the stopped car's right tail light, and the bike stopped dead," said Major Apple. "I went from 10 (mph) to zero (mph) in a millisecond."

At impact, the handlebars were yanked out of Major Apple's hands.

"The handlebars went to the right, the bike fell to its left," said Major Apple. "I tucked and I went over. In this case, I knew I was either going through his back windshield or I was going under the car. I went into a ball and I went over on my side hard."

The momentum of a

600-pound motorcycle traveling 10 mph before abruptly colliding with a stopped automobile proved to be a jarring experience. Although Major Apple hit the pavement hard, the shaken up commander was fortunately able to pick up himself and his motorcycle off of the ground with the help of bystanders.

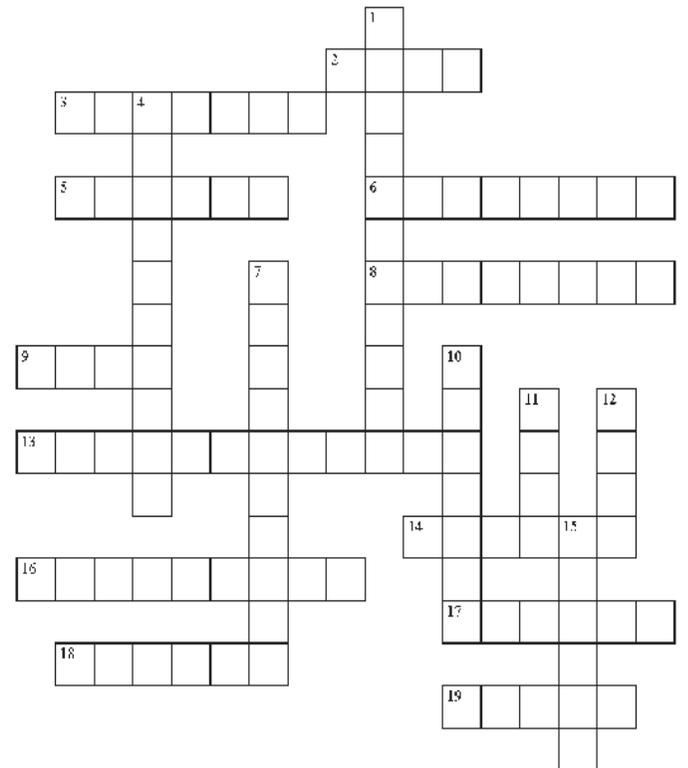
"I was shook up, but I knew instinctively that I hadn't broken anything," he said. "However, the bruising was so bad that I'm convinced that the safety gear I was wearing saved me."

Major Apple said he had the wind knocked out of him and sustained only bruises in the aftermath of the accident. After a thorough self-conducted motorcycle inspection, Major Apple was able to ride home safely on his bike just moments after what could have been a more serious, if not life-threatening incident.

"I don't want to repeat the experience; however, it solidified in my mind that nobody needs to be on a motorcycle without the proper safety gear," said Major Apple.

Crossword puzzle

Team Travis Air Expo



ACROSS

- 2 Air Force Academy Wings of _____ Parachute Team
- 3 Jelly Belly pilot, Air Expo performer Kent _____
- 5 Skies over _____
- 6 KC-10 name _____
- 8 Team Travis _____
- 9 One Team with no _____
- 13 Team Travis Air Expo headliners _____
- 14 Always comes first _____
- 16 Keeps visitors from getting sunburned _____
- 17 C-5 name _____
- 18 _____ cards are not accepted; ATMs will be available _____
- 19 T-34 pilot, Air Expo performer Clark _____

DOWN

- 1 C-17 name _____
- 4 Ceremony to induct new Airmen _____
- 7 State or _____ issued IDs required for entry to Air Expo _____
- 10 WWII fighter, P-51 _____
- 11 Cost of the Air Expo to visitors _____
- 12 Air Expo date, _____ 30-31, 2011 _____
- 15 My Hometown _____

For the answers, go to www.travisairexpo.com.

Class

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said Lt. Col. Joseph Sanchez, 571st MSAS commander.

"As Air Advisors, personal relationships are critical to the success of long-term partnerships with nations we work with," said Sanchez. "The course reinforced the idea that actions matter, reminding each of us to be culturally sensitive in the things we do and say."

"The MSAS teams are now equipped with a solid educational foundation for our building partner capacity missions," added Lt. Col. Thom Adkins, 818th MSAS commander. "While the cul-

tures and even the continents the two squadrons will visit are different, our message remains the same – this is a tremendous opportunity for all."

The two squadrons are focused on training, advising and assisting partner nations in the development of air mobility systems. This partnership is intended to increase their capacity to govern through presence and persistence in otherwise inaccessible regions of their territories. This access is critical for the delivery of resources and personnel during humanitarian crisis, disaster response and medical evacuation. They are scheduled to begin missions later this year.