

Groups picket peacefully at main gate

Integrated Flight Test-5 mission on schedule for tonight

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Two groups totaling more than 75 people gathered peacefully outside the main gate here Saturday in a four-hour demonstration.

More than 60 people represented the Vandenberg Action Coalition as they protested the National Missile Defense Program Minuteman II launch slated for tonight.

The VAC erected an inflatable 40-foot mock Peacekeeper missile while they carried their signs and encouraged passing motorists to honk in support.

Countering their anti-National Missile Defense stance, nearly 15

people rallied in support of Vandenberg and the NMD program, carrying their own pickets and signs.

While the demonstrators exercised their First Amendment rights, members of Team Vandenberg were on site to preserve safety and base security.

"The men and women of Team Vandenberg did a great job of balancing base security and support for people exercising their freedom of speech," said Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander.

"We had people patrolling the area on horses, in patrol cars with Santa Barbara County Sheriffs, and stationed at the visitor center parking

entrance throughout the afternoon," said Master Sgt. Anthony James, 30th Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of installation security.

"Additional forces were ready to respond had the demonstration turned into a confrontation," James said.

Saturday's protest also offered some of the 30th Communications Squadron's video and photojournalists an opportunity to taste the action as well.

"We shoot evidentiary video and still photos of all protests here just in case someone gets injured or property gets damaged," said Lt. Col. Bradley Ashley, 30th CS commander.



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Demonstrators on both sides of the issue of National Missile Defense came to Vandenberg Saturday. (Above) About 15 National Missile Defense and Vandenberg AFB supporters demonstrate outside the main gate while (right) another 60 people from the Vandenberg Action Coalition protest against the launch of a Minuteman II scheduled for tonight.



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■ Tonight's unarmed Minuteman II launch window begins at 7:01 p.m. and extends to 11 p.m. The launch is in support of National Missile Defense program.

The test will launch the target missile from here and an intercept vehicle from Meck Island in the western Marshall Islands 4,300 miles away. An intercept is planned 100 miles above the Pacific Ocean.

Comment



Col. Steve Lanning
Commander,
30th Space Wing

606-7850

Commander's Action Line

As the wing commander, my primary focus is on the mission and I believe that our mission success will be based on how well we care for our people on and off the job.

The Action Line is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas or give your fellow base members a pat on the back. The Action Line is not a replacement for using the chain of command.

Callers are asked to leave their name and contact number in case more information is needed.

I want Vandenberg to continue to be the best Air Force base in the world. Working together, it will be.

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Seat belt check

Col. Duane Lamb, 30th Support Group commander, gives a seat-belted motorist the "thumbs up" at the Main Gate Friday.

Air Force leaders update 21st century vision

By F. WHITTEN PETERS AND GEN. MICHAEL E. RYAN
Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON — This week, we released America's Air Force: Global Vigilance, Reach & Power, to update our vision for the 21st century. It captures where we're going as a service and helps Air Force people plan for the diverse challenges we'll face in the 21st century.

This document builds upon and extends ideas in our previous visions and reflects organizational and conceptual improvements since the publication of our last vision. It also supports the principles laid out in the recently released Joint Vision 2020.

Airmen from across the Air Force contribute to our ability to deploy and sustain powerful aerospace capabilities wherever and whenever necessary.

While there is much in the vision that is new, the foundation remains the same — our people and our values. The vision makes clear that we will continue to rely on our great Air Force people to be the engines of change and integration and progress. We'll rely on all our people — active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian — leveraging the strengths of the total force.

The document is short and concise. It represents our thinking about the aerospace domain and our role

in it — how we'll exploit the full aerospace continuum to meet the nation's needs. The art of commanding aerospace power lies in integrating air, space and information systems to produce the exact effects the nation needs. We'll continue broadening Air Force leaders to capitalize on the range of potent capabilities aerospace power offers.

Global Vigilance, Reach and Power are the overarching aerospace capabilities described in our vision: vigilance to anticipate and deter threats, reach to curb crises and power to prevail in conflicts and win wars. We will realize the true potential of full-spectrum aerospace power by thinking of vigilance, reach and power not as separate and distinct, but as capabilities that, when fully integrated, add up to much more than the sum of their parts.

Key to our concept is the expeditionary aerospace force, which will provide both increased capabilities to meet the nation's security requirements and greater predictability and stability for our people. Operation

Allied Force proved the potential of our developing concepts. Impressive as the improvements seen recently have been, they're just the beginning. Aerospace power is America's asymmetric advantage and we're determined to ensure America keeps that advantage.

Our vision focuses on what we will do as America's airmen, but it includes a firm commitment to work effectively within the joint team, ensuring that we never forget the trust the American people place in us.

The potential of our vision will take the dedicated efforts and teamwork of all of you in the years to come. There'll be copies of the vision in the field soon. Meanwhile, you can find it on the web at www.af.mil/vision. We encourage you to read it, talk about it and understand it. It's your future, and it's brighter than ever.



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Undersecretary speaks about retention, recruitment

By JESSICA RUSSELL

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste visited here recently to share her message of improving recruitment and retention in today's Air Force.

During her visit, she addressed more than 650 students from Squadron Officer School, as well as instructors from Air Command and Staff College and Squadron Officer College.

DiBattiste, who served 20 years in the Air Force before retiring as a major in 1991, noted that the Air Force has changed a lot in the time since she was active duty.

"It really is a different Air Force," DiBattiste said. "Things have changed and I think for the better."

During her visit June 27, DiBattiste stressed three main points: integrity, retention and recruitment. DiBattiste said integrity is perhaps the most important of the Air Force's three core values.

"Integrity first is obvious," she said. "It's harder to put it in action," DiBattiste noted, because it can put people in situations where they are forced to make difficult decisions.

"You want to motivate people to do their best and exceed their expectations," she said. "People will

judge you for who you are, the decisions you make and whether you have integrity."

DiBattiste said the success of the campaigns in the Gulf War, Bosnia and Kosovo could be traced to the Air Force and the integrity of its members. Quality people are still needed to keep the Air Force superior, she added. "We are nothing without our people to operate our systems," DiBattiste said.

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Carol DiBattiste
Under Secretary of the Air Force

The Air Force has been within about 5 percent of its goals to retain first- and second-term airmen, as well as career airmen. To help close that gap, she and other Air Force leaders approved several initiatives. However, getting commanders more involved is the first step, according to

the undersecretary.

"We think that's important — to get wing and unit commanders more involved in retention at all levels," she said. In addition, other initiatives include extending child development center hours, establishing patient advocates to assist with TRICARE, reviewing the enlisted bonus program and developing programs for spousal employment overseas.

DiBattiste also challenges everyone to retain at least one person this year. "I ask all of you to really accept this challenge and mentor someone," she said.

Several who heard her speak agreed that retention is an important part of maintaining Air Force readiness. Capt. Fernando Waldron is currently attending SOS and said he thinks keeping morale up ensures retention. "I just believe we need to keep our people happy to keep them in," Waldron said. "I love what I'm doing."

Recruiting is another issue facing today's Air Force. In fiscal 1999, for the first time in 20 years, the Air Force missed its recruiting goal.

Currently, the Air Force is 1,700 members short of this year's goal. "I am very confident with the numbers we're seeing now, we will meet our recruiting goal for this year," DiBattiste said.

It hasn't been easy for recruiters though. According to DiBattiste, the other services outnumber Air Force about 12 to one in recruiters.

In addition to offering bonuses in fields such as mechanics to attract new recruits, the Air Force will also repay up to \$10,000 in student loans. The Air Force is also investing money in four new television advertisements.

Capt. Emille Bryant, SOS flight commander, said there are other factors to consider, besides money, when joining the Air Force.

"I make more money than probably one side of my family has ever made," Bryant said. "I'd like to have more money, but so would Bill Gates. I feel like I'm part of something important. I want to serve. I need to add to my community directly and this is how I'm doing this." (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Airman's journey leads to commission

By SENIOR AIRMAN PAUL GROVE
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Senior Airman Michael Ewer of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron has always had a love of traveling. His journeys have taken him to the far reaches of the globe. Now, Ewer embarks on a new journey to Montgomery, Ala., and Officer Training School.

The road to OTS was not a simple career progression for the 30-year old firefighter. Upon receiving his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California at San Diego, Ewer set out on a series of travels that would take him throughout Asia (while an English instructor in Japan), Australia, New Zealand and Europe.

It was during this four-year period Ewer decided to pursue a career that had always appealed to him.

"I never knew how much I loved the states until I left," Ewer said. "After speaking with military people who have compulsory service requirements, I realized just how lucky we were. All of this added to my motivation to join the military."

Ewer initially applied to OTS

during the summer of 1997. After receiving word that he was not selected, Ewer enlisted in the Air Force during September of that year.

After completing basic training and technical school, Ewer arrived at Vandenberg and the 30th CES in March 1998.

"My goal from Day One was to become an officer," Ewer said. "Little did I know I would join a career field and be stationed in a place that I would really enjoy. That's what made my decision so hard."

While enjoying his time as a firefighter and continuing his passion for surfing, the southern California native wrestled with the decision of applying to OTS.

"It was a very difficult decision because this is a beautiful part of California, and I could have very easily made this my career," Ewer said. "But, I felt the need to stick with my initial plans."

While the decision to leave Vandenberg may have been difficult for Ewer, members of the 30th CES believe the officer corps will benefit from his talents.



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After Ewer leaves Vandenberg, his journey will take him to officer training school at Maxwell AFB, Ala., and then Lackland AFB, Texas, for logistics officer training.

"He's a very balanced and well-liked person who brings a lot of maturity to the table. He has an intimate knowledge of enlisted issues that takes other officers years to gain," said Mark Farias, 30th CES assistant fire chief. "I can't say enough about him. He will certainly be missed by all. At

the same time, he will be good for the officer ranks."

After receiving word his package was accepted in April, the future logistics officer is scheduled to begin the 12-week school Oct. 4 at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

From there, it's off to six-weeks of training at Lackland

AFB, Texas.

"I'm going to hate to leave. I really love it here, and I've been very fortunate to work at a great place with so many great people," he said. "At the same time, I'm eager to get going with my career and looking forward to the possibility of more traveling."

Vandenberg 'Top Three' offers scholarship

Program encourages Vandenberg's active-duty enlisted members to seek higher education

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Once again, Vandenberg's Top Three Association is set to launch a program to better the quality of life for enlisted team members here.

Their most recent endeavor is the development of the Top Three Association Scholarship.

"There will be two \$300 scholarships awarded at the Top Three general membership meeting in August," said Master Sgt. Richard Niner, scholarship committee member.

Administered annually, the scholarship is targeted specifically for the base's active-duty enlisted members, he said.

"This is the first of its kind in an ongoing program that the Top Three has initiated to encourage enlisted members to seek a higher education," he added.

Niner credits Master Sgt. Steven Hicks, who led the committee, with introducing the scholarship concept during a general membership meeting months ago.

"This is just one more step toward furthering quality of life initiatives for our enlisted people at Vandenberg," said Master Sgt. Michele Burk, vice-president of the Top Three.

Hicks' committee spent more than three months researching guidelines, grading and award criteria to arrive at this point, Niner said.

According to the scholarship's guidelines, applicants must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college for the purpose of obtaining a degree.

Scholarship candidates will submit a two- to three-page essay featuring an important aspect of enlisted military history. Essayists must present their point of view to illustrate why they chose that particular subject.

The deadline for this year's scholarship is Aug. 10.

The committee will review all submissions and select the winning essays prior to the Top Three's Aug. 17 meeting. Winners will be presented with a check or

voucher.

Winning papers may be posted on the Top Three web page and all papers will be kept in the Top Three archives.

For more information about the program, contact Niner at 606-3120 or Senior Master Sgt. Fred Miller at 606-3077.

VAFB Top Three Association scholarship essay should focus on enlisted history and be two to three pages in length with a minimum of 250 words, typed in 12 point, Times New Roman font, double spaced with one inch margins top, bottom and sides.

Two copies need to be turned in on white bond paper with a three-and-one-half inch disc in Microsoft Word format.

Essays should be prepared according to the American Psychological Association Manual. Use the sample paper shown on Pages 257-268 for abstract, title, reference page, author-date citation formats.

Mirror of perfection

Honor guard members carry on past traditions, carry out customs of today

By **TECH. SGT. SEAN GIBERSON**
2nd Space Launch Squadron

■ There are many advantages to being on the Vandenberg AFB Honor Guard despite the hours spent practicing and performing details.

Members receive a distinctive uniform, honor guard accessories, hat, shoes, shirt, and luggage. After 10 details, members receive an honor guard jacket. Based on their performance and the number of details completed, a member may qualify for an achievement medal after their one-year tour.

The honor guard provides many different services to the men and women of Vandenberg and the surrounding tri-county area.

During the last two months, the 38 volunteer members, from various Vandenberg units, of the base honor guard have performed 57 details including 14 funerals and a 17-person saber cordon for incoming competition teams and distinguished visitors during Guardian Challenge 2000.

“Doing funerals and retirements is my way of saying thanks to those who have served before me,” said Senior Airman Evangeline San Miguel, 30th Medical Group. “I also enjoy the satisfaction I get when someone thanks me after a detail. It makes me feel like all the effort is worthwhile,” added the 17-month team veteran.

The honor guard also performed seven details during the Fourth of July weekend for events around the

tri-county area.

They take pride in holding themselves to a higher standard. As ambassadors of Vandenberg and the Air Force, it is their duty to represent these organizations to the best of their ability, no matter the circumstances. Every time the honor guard performs a detail for the public, their professionalism bears witness to the honor and dedication that they feel as military members. They carry on the traditions of the past and execute the customs of today, as well as prepare for the challenges of the future.

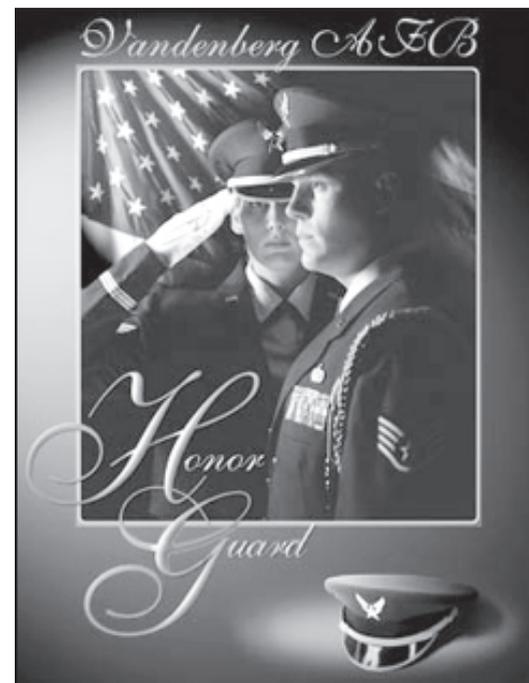
Base members who would like to join the base honor guard or would like more information can call Staff Sgt Dave Molina at 606-3654 or Tech. Sgt. Garren Warwick at 606-5508.

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(Above) Airman 1st Class Darryl Lyles, 30th Security Forces Squadron; Airman 1st Class Kenneth McCray, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron; and Tech Sgt. Sean Giberson, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, practice a 21-gun salute with M-1 carbines. (Right) Senior Airman Romeo Orio, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, has a disciplined stare as he practices. Orio is one of the 38 members who volunteer their time to the honor guard.

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Surrounded by an early morning fog, honor guard members practice with the M-1 carbine. The honor guard practices every Tuesday at 7 a.m.

NEWS**BRIEFS****QUARTERLY CIVILIAN AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE**

Nominations for Civilian of the Quarter for the period of April 1 through June 30 are due today. Take nomination packages to building 11777, room B-105. Call Nancy Lawrence at 606-5847 for more information.

30TH RANS HOLDS CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col Joseph Connell will relinquish command of the 30th Range Squadron to Lt. Col. Joe Hogler in a ceremony presided over by Col. Mark Owen, 30th Operations Group commander, Monday at 10 a.m. at the Western Range Control Center. For more information, call Maj. Michael Grieco at 605-8105.

381ST TRSS WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

The 381st Training Support Squadron change-of-command ceremony is July 14 at 10 a.m. at the 381st Training Group flagpole. Lt. Col. Michael McNeely will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Edward Rios. For more information, Call Maj. Roderick Davis at 606-5737.

AIRFIELD OPERATIONS BOARD HOLDS MEETING

A special meeting is scheduled for airfield operations board members to initiate the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program Inspection Tuesday at 8 a.m. in building 7000, room 200, 30th Operations Group conference room. Call Capt. Thomas Schmidt at 606-4129 for more information.

AF SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

The Air Force Sergeants' Association is holding its next general membership meeting Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. New members are welcome. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Troy Weigel at 606-0285, or Staff Sgt. Glenn Mcalister at 606-6621.

HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

The Health Care Advisory Council has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the 30th Medical Group commander's conference room. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an open communication forum between the medical group staff and the base community. Council member participation is encouraged. Unit and civic group participation is strongly encouraged. A special invitation is extended to squadron commanders and NCO leadership. For more information call Tech. Sgt. Joann Phoenix at 605-8042.

FIRST-TERM AIRMAN'S CENTER NEEDS MANAGER

A position is available for a qualified technical or master sergeant as manager for the First-Term Airman's Center. Duties will include coordinating with 35 separate base organizations and networking with all base units. The person selected must possess a strong supervisory background and have no negative administrative actions. The program manager will report directly to the 30th Mission Support Squadron commander. Resumes and letters of recommendation need to be submitted by July 24. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brian Joseph at 606-2990.

BASE EDUCATION CENTER OFFERS APTITUDE TEST

The Scholastic Aptitude Test is scheduled, for military members only, on July 29 at 8 a.m. in the base education center, building 14002. The test will be administered if enough people are scheduled. Call 605-5902 for an appointment. SAT scores are required for various commissioning programs.

HONOR GUARD NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

The Vandenberg honor guard is looking for top-notch individuals willing to go above and beyond the call of duty. People interested in joining should call Staff Sgt. Dalhia Shelton at 606-3654.

COLORADO ANG HAS PART-TIME OPENINGS

The Colorado Air National Guard has part-time openings for the following Air Force specialties; 3A0X1, 4N0X1, 3E0X2, 2T1X1, 2E1X3, 2A7X3, 2A6X6, 2A1X1, 2A0X1B, 2A3X3B, 2A3X2C, 2F0X1, 2A6X1A, 1N051, 3E3X1, 2W1X1, 2W0X1, 2S0X1, 3P0X1, 2A6X4, 2A6X2, 1W0X1, 3M0X1, 2R1X1. For more information, call Master Sgt. Don Pipkin at 800-491-0028.

DON'T REMOVE LANDSCAPE MATERIAL

Military family housing residents are asked not to remove flowers, shrubs, trees and landscape materials from vacant homes or vacant mobile home spaces.

In some cases, the vacating occupant has not had his final inspection and removing these items increases the person's workload. Also, plants left by

an occupant and accepted by the housing inspector become government property. Removing the property at that point is considered theft of government property. Missing or removed items will be reported to the 30th Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk. For more information, call Earnest Gilliss at 606-3795.

SEASON OPENS FOR THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

Open season for the Thrift Savings Plan is now through July 31. During the open season, federal civilian employees can use the benefits and entitlements service team automated system. Call 800-997-2378 to enroll, or change the amounts, contributions or allocation of TSP contributions among three investment funds. To obtain current information during the open season, visit the TSP web site at <http://www.tsp.gov>, or call Fredrick Davis in the work force effectiveness section at 606-5847

PHASE SEVEN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

The following roads will be closed until June 1, 2001, for phase seven construction of the new military family housing project:

Ocean View Boulevard from Juniper Street to Korina Street;

Dogwood Street between Ocean View Boulevard and extending to Arbor Street;

Elm Street from Fir Street to Ironwood Street;

Hemlock Street from Ocean View Boulevard to Elm Street.

For information or questions, call Robert Griswold at 606-2048.

EELV program saves billions, honored with top award

By 1st Lt. TONYA SUMMERALL

Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs

■ LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program Office recently received a top-level award for its efforts in saving the Air Force \$5 to \$7 billion.

EELV's innovative payload-to-launch vehicle integration design and standardization of booster cores earned the program office the 1999 Defense Standardization Program National Honorary Award.

The driving force behind the EELV program is the effort to make space launch more affordable for the nation by using a family of unmanned, expendable space launch vehicles that have evolved from existing systems.

These will comprise the Department of Defense's sole source of expendable medium and heavy-lift transportation to orbit.

EELV has joined with Lockheed Martin Astronautics Corporation and the Boeing Company to develop a national launch capability that satisfies the government's forecasted launch requirements and reduces the cost of space launch by at least 25 percent, said Lt. Col. Jim Knauf, EELV and Delta IV program manager.

EELV is the first program designed to use a standard specification for government payloads that will use the same mechanical and electrical interface to the launch vehicle and will employ a standardized booster core.

This new design will facilitate manufacturing, assembly, payload integration and launch operation process.

"EELV improves on the current Delta II, Atlas and Titan launch systems by providing, for the first time, standard mechanical, electrical and environmental payload-to-booster interfaces," said Knauf. "This means we can more readily switch payloads from one EELV booster to the other. This flexibility is a first for the Air Force and is very important to the war fighter and (Air Force) Space Command."

The Delta IV and Atlas V families of the EELV booster use the same standard booster core, said Knauf.

The largest vehicle in each family basically uses the same core as the smallest vehicle.

The EELV development program is about 75 percent complete.

Production of flight vehicles for the first EELV launches are well underway, and the first government flight is scheduled to take place in May 2002.

Staff sergeant promotion list due out July 19

■ RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas—The Air Force plans to release the list of its newest staff sergeant promotees July 19 (July 20 for those units across the international dateline).

This year's release comes almost a month earlier than last year's staff sergeant promotion list.

Air Force Personnel Center officials cite several reasons for this year's earlier release. Many will recall that last year the Air Force was in the midst of Operation ALLIED

FORCE, and had numerous airmen deployed. "The late August release date last year accommodated those who were deployed and gave many of them an opportunity to return and test," center officials said.

"We have also pledged to our customers worldwide that we will continue to strive for sooner promotion releases rather than later." This year, partly because of reduced testing windows, AFPC was able to get most of the tests for staff sergeant eligibles processed and scored sooner. There are

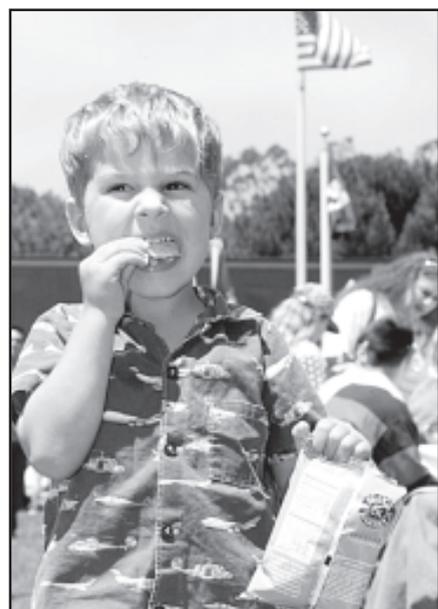
approximately 40,000 eligibles this year.

The promotion quota has not been determined yet, so the exact promotion percentage is not known at this time. "We are confident that percentages for all ranks, including staff sergeant will remain at or above TOPCAP objectives for the foreseeable future," center officials added.

TOPCAP is the total objective plan for career airmen personnel. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



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Happy Birthday USA

(Above) Tech. Sgt. Walter Peoples, 576th Flight Test Squadron, serves some of the 500 base members who attended the Fourth of July celebration on the Bowling Center lawn Tuesday. (Left) Brannoch Watt, munches chips at the celebration. Forty pounds of hot dogs and 150 pounds of hamburgers were served free at the celebration sponsored by the 30th Services Squadron and Noncommissioned Officers Association.

10 MON There will be a **Tri-Counties Blood Bank blood drive** Monday at the 30th Medical Group Auditorium

from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information or to set an appointment, call Capt. Alfredo Olaes at 606-8475.

A **Newcomer Spouse Orientation** meeting is being held on Monday at 7:45 a.m. at the Pacific Coast Club. Individuals also may arrive at 9:50 a.m. for the community fair or 11 a.m. for the spouse group. Children are welcome to the spouse group, toys will be provided. Contact Relocation Assistance at 606-0801 for more information.

Vandenberg members who are pregnant or planning a family are invited to attend **Operation Baby Launch** Monday at 5 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Learn valuable information about local hospitals, TRICARE,

financial concerns, Vandenberg pediatric/family practice clinics and much more. Civilian representatives from local hospitals and civilian obstetricians will also be there. Get a free formula kit and gifts from representatives.

For more information call Capt. Gretchen Smith, 606-2123, or Nancy Sias at 606-8217.

11 TUE The next **Single Parents Support Group** meeting is Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Pacific Coast Club. This is an informal group which discusses any issues on single parenting and divorce recovery. Call Linda

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Chapel services

CATHOLIC

- ♦ Sunday Morning Mass 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1
- ♦ Saturday Evening Mass 5 p.m., Chapel 2
- ♦ Daily Mass 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2
- ♦ Confessions Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., Chapel 2

PROTESTANT

- ♦ Contemporary Worship Service 8:30 a.m., Chapel 2
 - ♦ Traditional Worship Service 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1
 - ♦ Inspirational Worship Service 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2
- For information call the Chapel Office at 606-5773.

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Bastine at 606-9958 for more information.

A Take Pounds Off Sensibly class begins Tuesday at the Pacific Coast Club. The class will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday. This weight reduction support group is for members who want to lose weight and meet with others who have similar goals. For more information call Clarissa Watson at 740-4970.

The **Douhet Society** will meet Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the base library. The group will discuss DeWitt Copp's "A Few Great Captains." If you have any special knowledge, expertise or experience relating to this topic and would like to volunteer your time and share your knowledge. Call the base library or Capt. Dan Franzen at 606-2942.

12 WED The Family Support Center is sponsoring a **Smart Women Finish Rich class** Wednesday at 1 p.m. in building 10525. Learn how to build and protect your wealth by attending this class. Call Jeri Salveter at 606-4491 for to register.

The **Santa Barbara County Fair** is scheduled for Wednesday to July 16 at the Santa Barbara Fair Grounds in Santa Maria. This year the theme is "Race to the Fair." The following is a small list of events: The Miss Santa Barbara County Fair pageant will be held July 11. Kid's Day is scheduled for July 12. Senior's Day is July 13. Agriculture Day is July 14. Military and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day will be July 15. Fiesta Day is scheduled for July 16.

27 THU A satellite office of the **Women,**

Infants, and Children program visits the Family Support Center every fourth Thursday of each month. Individuals eligible must be pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women, infants and children up to age five. For details on how to sign up for the program, contact Teresa Orozco at 606-4636 or the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470.

AUG 5 SAT A **Woomera reunion** is scheduled for Aug. 5 by the

alumni of Joint Defense Facility, Hurrungar and the Village of Woomera, South Australia. The reunion will be at Peterson AFB, Colo. For more information, call Paul Chester at (719) 567-9016.

20 SUN Lompoc's 9th annual **Brushes and Blues** event is scheduled for Aug. 20 at the La Purisima Mission. The event will feature theater, music, artist demonstrations, wine tasting, story telling and face painting for the kids, barbecue, and the Lompoc Pops Orchestra. Price of admission is \$7. Tickets are available at the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce. Call 734-4567 for more information.

SEP 15 FRI The **National Hispanic Heritage Month** is celebrated Sep. 15 to Oct. 15. The Hispanic heritage committee is looking for creative and energetic people. They need help to ensure the Hispanic Heritage month events are a success. Spouses and civilians are welcome to join. Contact 1st Lt. Patricia Teran-Dick at 606-5603 or by e-mail for more information.

OCT 17 TUE The **Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra**

season begins Oct. 17 at the Lobero Theater located at 33 East Canon Perdido Street in downtown Santa Barbara. All concerts take place Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. Single tickets cost \$35 and \$30 plus a \$2.50 Lobero Theater fee. The cost is \$210 or \$170 for a six-concert package. For information or tickets call (805) 687-7820.

**At the Movies**

Tonight
Shanghai Noon
Starring Jackie Chan and Qwen Wilson
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Shanghai Noon
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.
Sunday
Road Trip
Starring Breckin Meyer and D.J. Qualls
(R) 7:30 p.m.

July 14
Small Time Crooks
Starring Woody Allen and Tracy Ullman
(PG) 7:30 p.m.

July 15
Center Stage
Starring Amanda Schull and Zoe Saldana
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

July 16
Center Stage
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.



STAFF SGT. JENNIFER WALLIS

Stretching out

Tina Gowler, 30th Transportation Squadron, stretches for the ball as Chandra Bell, 30th Mission Support Squadron, reaches for first base

June 30. MSS defeated TRANS 17-9 in the opening night of women's softball. In the other game, 576th FLTS defeated 30th CS 13-7.

SPORTS BRIEFS

OKC HOLDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Operation Kid's Christmas presents the Christmas in July Golf Tournament July 14 at the Marshallia Ranch golf course. Registration for the four-person team scramble begins at 10:30 a.m. and a shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

Prizes will be given for first, second and third, closest to the pin, longest drive, and straightest drive. For more information, call Capt. Timothy Spies at 606-5029.

SOFTBALL ALL-STARS PLAY

The all-star softball tournament is scheduled for July 21 on Field No. 2
 6 p.m. - National League All-stars vs. American League All-stars
 7 p.m. - Homerun Hitting Contest
 8 p.m. - All-star winners vs. Men's Varsity Softball Team.

YOUTH SOCCER SIGN-UPS START

Vandenberg Youth Soccer sign-ups are

taking place now at the youth center Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until July 28. Cost is \$35 with youth center membership and \$40 without membership. Youths age 5 to 13 as of Aug. 1 with base access may register. Teams with players ages 10 to 11 and 12 to 13 may be participating in the Orcutt United Soccer League and must register by July 28. Volunteers are needed to coach and referee. Call 606-2152 for more information.

HAWKS NEED VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

The VAFB Lady Hawks varsity volleyball team is looking for players. Interested women who would like to play volleyball at an intermediate level, and are active duty, dependent or DOD civilians on base, should call 2nd Lt. Rich Otton at 606-6375 for more information.

FLAG FOOTBALL TRY OUTS START

Try outs for the Vandenberg varsity flag football team will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on the base football field behind the Base Exchange. For more information call Senior Airman Chris Hollis at 606-3181.

2000 INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

National League				American League			
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
30 th SFS	10	0	1.000	533 rd TRS	9	1	.900
576 th FLTS No.1	10	1	.909	NRO	8	2	.800
392 nd TRS	7	2	.777	30 th MSS	7	2	.777
2 nd SLS	7	3	.700	30 th CES No.2	7	3	.700
30 th CS	6	5	.545	614 th SOPS	7	3	.700
30 th CES No.1	3	7	.300	576 th FLTS No.2	5	5	.500
381 st TRG No.1	4	8	.333	381 st TRG No.2	3	7	.300
30 th TRANS	3	8	.273	Det. 9	2	8	.200
30 th CONS/LG	3	9	.250	30 th MDG	1	9	.100
576 th FLTS No.3	2	9	.182	576 th FLTS No.4	0	9	.000

As of Thursday

