



ARMAN 1ST CLASS JOHNATHAN POMEROY

It's fire season

Vandenberg Hot Shots build a firebreak during a controlled burn here Tuesday. Controlled burns are used to train firefighters on proper techniques for combating wildland fires and to replicate the natural burn process under controlled conditions. See "Vandenberg controlled burns indicate fire season start" on Page 7 for more information.

Roche sworn in as AF secretary

■ WASHINGTON — Dr. James Roche was sworn in as the 20th secretary of the Air Force during a ceremony at the Pentagon June 1.

David Cooke, director of administration and management for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, administered the oath of office. Roche was nominated by the president on May 7 and confirmed by the Senate on May 24.

As secretary, Roche is responsible for the functioning and efficiency of the Air Force, the formulation of the service's policies and programs and the timely implementation of decisions and instructions of the president and the secretary of defense.

"I am honored to be confirmed as the secretary of the Air Force, and to join one of the most innovative, dedicated and respected teams the world has known — the United States Air Force," Roche said.

Roche, a retired Navy captain was a recipient of the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for the Navy's most improved combat unit in the Pacific in 1974.

"My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as its admired past. My pledge is that I will serve the way Air Force men and women do every day throughout the world, with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence," he said.

"We welcome Secretary Roche and his family to the Air Force team," said Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff.

"The secretary has had a distinguished and successful military and civilian career," Ryan said. "He brings a unique and valuable combination of military experience, executive management expertise and proven leadership that will be an asset to our Air Force and our nation. I look forward to serving with him."

(Courtesy of Air Force News)

Base salutes new promotees

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Commanders and supervisors had a busy day Thursday handing out 170 sets of stripes to Team Vandenberg members.

The base had 60 technical sergeants and 110 staff sergeants presented with those stripes for promotion to master and technical sergeant. This represents a 36.07 percent promotion rate for techs and 38.46 percent for masters on base.

The Air Force selected 7,031 of 18,038 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant and 12,051 of 36,095 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant.

This represents an overall 38.98 percent selection rate for the 01E7 cycle and a 33.39 percent selection rate for the 01E6 cycle. The master sergeant selection percentage stayed virtually tied with last year's percentage of 39.10, while this year's technical sergeant rate surged nearly six points beyond last year's record showing of 27.64 percent.

"This year's promotion announcement kicks off a great summer season for more than 19,000 of the Air Force's finest (noncommissioned officers)," Air Force Personnel Center officials said. "Never in our history has there been a better opportunity for highly qualified individuals to earn that next stripe."

As evidenced by the record setting technical sergeant promotion rate and the high selection percentage to master sergeant, advancement opportunity abounds for those willing to put forth the effort both on their jobs and while preparing for promotion exams, officials said.

People who tested are expected to receive their score results in mid-June. The score results allow people to know how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they are directly competing against for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average selectee score for the master sergeant test cycle was 348.20 points based on the following:

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VANDENBERG BEACH WATER PLACED UNDER WARNING

■ Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services placed the water at Surf Beach under warning Thursday due to bacterial hazards. Surf Beach will still be open Friday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. however, people are strongly advised to stay out and at least 50 yards from the water. Jalama Beach is also under warning. Base bioenvironmental and public health officials advise base members to avoid the water on North and South Base beaches until testing of those beaches is complete. People can call the county's beach advisory hotline at 681-4949 to find out when the warning has been lifted. Signs will also be posted.

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Col. Robert Worley II
commander,
30th Space Wing

Commander's Action Line

The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. I get personally involved in every reply. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas or give your fellow base members a pat on the back.

Before you call the Action Line though, give Vandenberg's professionals a chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 606-7850 or send an e-mail to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil. When you call or e-mail please leave your name and contact number in case more information is needed.

Vandenberg is the best Air Force base in space command. Working together, it will stay that way.

606-7850

e-mail: actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

Handy phone numbers

EMERGENCY.....911	Law enforcement.....606-3300
Poison control.....800-876-4766	Housing maintenance.....734-5586
Clinic appointments.....606-4077	Child Development Center.....606-1555
Healthwise line.....888-252-3299	MPF customer service.....606-7756
TRICARE services.....800-242-6788	Visitor control center.....606-7662



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Beach combing

Lt. Col. Scott Westfall (center), 30th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight chief briefs Col. Robert Worley II (right), 30th Space Wing commander, and Col. Richard Strathearn (left), 30th Space Wing vice commander, about the latest news regarding Vandenberg's beaches. Vandenberg's Surf Beach is open Friday to Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call the base fish and game office at 606-6804 for beach status updates.

Action line

606-7850

SPEEDING IN BASE HOUSING

Q I'm concerned about the way people drive through base housing. There are a lot of children who play in the playgrounds, inside yards or near the streets. I'm constantly seeing people speeding through our neighborhoods. Why are there no speed limit signs posted anywhere in base housing?

I never see security forces conducting speed checks or attempting to regulate the speed limit. I've been told that the speed limit is 25 mph. I can tell you from working in a hospital emergency room what even 25 mph can do to a child hit by a car at that speed. The speed limit at every other base we've been stationed at was 15 mph or below, and this was very strictly enforced.

Can anything be done to ensure someone's child isn't injured?

A Thank you for your concern about housing speed limits.

Fortunately, our parents have done a great job of monitoring and teaching their children about traffic safety. As a result we have never had a serious pedestrian-vehicle accident in base housing. But I agree we can and should do more.

Our housing entrances currently have posted speed limits, but I'm also directing that we look at putting additional signs throughout the housing area to remind drivers of the speed limit.

To further enhance safety, I have directed our security forces patrols to step up their traffic enforcement in housing to ensure that motorists obey posted speed limits.

Additionally the base newcomer briefing always includes a discussion on base speed limits.

Ultimately, the most important thing parents can do to help ensure their children's safety is to maintain complete control of them around moving cars and teach them how to live safely in a traffic environment. Hold the hands of young children when crossing the street. Teach older children how to cross the street safely and to assume that approaching traffic cannot see them.

VAFB WITHOUT PSYCHIATRIST

Q I'm calling in regards to the Psychiatric Mental Health Clinic. I called to get my daughter an appointment and was told that the psychiatrist will be retiring in 30 days

with no replacement. This poses a problem for parents requiring prescription medication for their children, as there are no doctors in our local area who treat adolescents.

In fact, the only doctor we have found able to provide care for our daughter is in Santa Maria. This is very troubling and I would like to know if this is a temporary or permanent situation.

A Thank you for your concern regarding psychiatric care here at Vandenberg. Unfortunately, the Air Force is extremely short of active duty psychiatrists and can no longer support staffing one at each Air Force Medical Treatment Facility.

Vandenberg is among those facilities that will not be receiving a psychiatrist to replace the position anytime soon.

We are currently working with TRICARE Region Nine, Southern California to establish a psychiatrist sharing agreement that will enable a civilian psychiatrist to care for patients on base. In the interim, the TRICARE network of providers does have psychiatrists that will continue to care for your daughter in conjunction with her primary care manager.

We do apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. Please be assured we're concerned about this issue and are working diligently to return care to Vandenberg MTF.



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Spring into 101 Critical Days of Summer

By GEN. GREGORY MARTIN
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

Spring into 101 Critical Days of Summer is not just another safety campaign, but rather a time for us to think about and prepare for the summer, and schedule our activities accordingly.

By planning ahead of time, we can do a much better job of anticipating the many challenges we'll face as we try to balance personal, family and Air Force priorities. And, most importantly, we will be able to build in some flexibility, which will allow each of us to deal with the inevitable pop-up circumstances requiring changes to our original plan.

Although we face seasonal risks throughout the year, I have found the summer season to be the most dangerous. With longer days and predominantly better weather, we have a tendency to overestimate the number of activities we can accomplish in any given day while underestimating the fatigue factor associated with those activities. Additionally, the summer months produce rapidly changing and often violent weather patterns that can catch even the most

prepared at an awkward and dangerous point.

The first step in all mishap prevention plans is to be aware of and expect change. Next, match and assess the risks associated with change.

Finally, we must adjust our attitudes and behaviors based on change and its associated risks. I offer the following as a recipe for your personal mishap prevention plan:

- Expect change
- Assess the risk before you act
- Trust your intuition
- Take care of each other
- Your goal is to survive

I cannot stress enough how important our people are in making our mission a success. I do not subscribe to the view that mishaps are considered a normal part of our military business.

They can be prevented and eliminated!

We must all step out and demonstrate our sincere concern for everyone's safety and security to ensure a healthy environment during this time of year as we "Spring into 101 Critical Days of Summer."



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Ready for take-off

Col. Robert Worley, 30th Space Wing commander, and his family, log on to play **Around the World in 90 Days at the services center.** **ATWIND** is the virtual adventure promotion sponsored by **Air Mobility Command** and **Air Force Space Command** designed to increase awareness and participation in services programs throughout the commands.

Vandenberg pulls rank during record setting promotions

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— 134.20 Enlisted Performance Reports;

— 71.72 Promotion Fitness Exam;

— 65.63 Specialty Knowledge Test;

— 27.91 Time in Grade;

— 35.58 Time in Service; and

— 11.68 Decorations.

The average master sergeant selectee has 3.49 years time in grade and 16.71 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant from August to July 2002.

The average selectee score for the technical sergeant test cycle was 331.99 points based on the following:

— 132.60 Enlisted Performance Reports;

— 62.99 Promotion Fitness Exam;

— 57.03 Specialty Knowledge Test;

— 41.25 Time in Grade;

— 29.45 Time in Service; and

— 7.29 Decorations.

The average technical sergeant selectee has 5.83 years time in grade and 13.53 years in service. Those selected will also be promoted to technical sergeant from August to July 2002.

The complete list of selectees will be available June 8 on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page by 4:30 p.m. CST. (*Courtesy of AFPC News Service*)

■ The following technical sergeants assigned to Vandenberg AFB were selected for promotion to master sergeant.

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Brian Davis
Terry Jones
Howard Simpson
Robert Webber

30th Comptroller Squadron

Kent Littlewood

30th Range Squadron

John Corwin

30th Security Forces Squadron

Richard Arthur
James Douglass
Angel Garcia
Samuel Treat

30th Communications Squadron

Larry Burnett
Donald Wagers

30th Space Wing

John Deeney
Gary Derksen II
Kurt Gardner
Rodney Gates
Cary Rosson

2nd Space Launch Squadron

Richard Bolitho
Gregory Frost
Joseph Purcell
Kevin Schnicker
Juan Vasquez
Kevin Williams

576th Test Squadron

Johnny Baldwin
Julie Crespi
Dexter King
Gordon King
Lee Lawson
Danny Logan
Florito Verceles

30th Medical Operations Squadron

Joann Phoenix
Raymond Vasquez

30th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Phillip Davis

30th Medical Support Squadron

Gregory McNeill
Earl Mook Jr.

614th Space Operations Squadron

Kevin Boyd
Larry Johnson Jr.
Andrew Smothermon

392nd Training Squadron

Debra Paggett

532nd Training Squadron

Bradley Blevins
Richard Darnall
Michael Elzy
Richard Hazen
James Jasinski
Robert Ramsey

533rd Training Squadron

Douglas Fields
David Korsten

345th Training Squadron, Det. 1

Andreas Grom
Raul Torres

381st Training Group

Peter Caputo
James Pfof

Detachment 9, Space and Missile Systems Center

Edward Hayes

30th Services Squadron

Steven Grim

30th Operations Support Squadron

Kurt Palmer
Andre Summers

14th Air Force

Warren Atkins Jr.
Michael Jelmo
Kim Mosley

30th Supply Flight

Terrence Mosley

76th Rescue Flight

William Tucker

■ The following staff sergeants assigned to Vandenberg AFB were selected for promotion to technical sergeant.

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

William Brown
Stewart Grenfell
Keith Lawrence
Thomas Merrett
Jason Murray
Louis Puricelli
Jose Requena
Shawn Schepperle
Mark Young

30th Comptroller Squadron

John Green
Sandra Lyzenga
Salvador Shipman

30th Mission Support Squadron

Rye Bavin
Robert Schultz

30th Transportation Squadron

Scott Alguire
Jeffrey Dansby
Patrick Green
Lorrie Sampson

30th Range Squadron

Michael Moffitt

30th Security Forces Squadron

Jeffrey Berndt
Steve Chase
Frank Coutee
Gregory Heuston
Joseph Lovato
Charles Newton
Julie Steele
Edward Vance
Shane Wisener
Lawrence Wittkowski
Regina Wren

30th Communications Squadron

Janice Cannon
Richard Freeland
Rodney Miranda
James Monk



Oscar Samaniego
Raymond Sanchez

30th Space Wing

Donte Anderson
Amber Bowser
Carolyn Brown
Margaret Calhoun
Michelle Hanson
Derek Lemon
Randy Ming
Elizabeth Murray
Anh Pham

2nd Space Launch Squadron

Dion Cotton
Mark Masters
Charles Spice

30th Contracting Squadron

Douglas Gosselin
William Robbins

576th Test Flight Squadron

Charles Aveck
William Bloodhart
Bryan Coburn
Michael Cormican
Kenneth Davis
Joseph Dominice
Jose Dorado
Dennis Hayes
Jacqueline Holt
Keith Miller
Lisa Mitchell
Joseph Richard
Shane Sutherland

30th Medical Operations Squadron

John Pahnke

30th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Craig Kopel
Parry Malae
Jacquelin Williams

30th Medical Support Squadron

Tiwaney Heard
Hall Scantlebury

614th Space Operations Squadron

Jonathan Conlon
Odessa Drouillard
Robert Lowery
Kent Marlatte
Christian Spevak
Joel Taimanglo
Jonathan Zalesky

Detachment 1, Launch Communications Office

Mathew Dubell

392nd Training Squadron

Michael Hansen

532nd Training Squadron

Roderick Board
Lee Breland
Jeffrey Doctor
Dennis Halman
Christopher Labine
Robert McNabb II
John Rehkop

533rd Training Squadron

Brett Barkman
Catherine Fair
Stephen Mccrory

534th Training Squadron

Angela Fernandez
Dennis Kemppainen
Mathew Luson

345th Training Squadron Detachment 1

Max Brenot
Russell Clapp
Timothy Freitag
John Meegan Jr.
Joseph Stilwill
Brian Temple
Keith Vivian
Bruce Weinzirl

381st Training Group

Michelle Sochocki

381st Training Support Squadron

Christopher Cothran

14th Information Warfare

John Oakes

544th Intelligence Group

Jacqueline Dawkins
Daniel Reyes

544th Intelligence Squadron

Allan Haltom
David Robin

Detachment 9, Space and Missile Systems Center

Anthony Calderon
Christopher Denz
Norman Sibley
Timothy White

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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Changing of the guard

Col. Mark Owen, 30th Operations Group commander, passes the 30th Weather Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Elizabeth Borelli, new 30th Weather Squadron commander, during a change-of-command ceremony May 24. Lt. Col. Borelli's last assignment was as the chief of protocol operations for the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Strategic Command.

NEWS

BRIEFS

AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL CLASS 01-E GRADUATIONS TUESDAY

Airman Leadership Class 01-E has scheduled its graduation for Tuesday at the Pacific Coast Club. A social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The dress is mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Call 606-5595 to make reservations.

MEDICAL GROUP CLOSURES JUNE 15 FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTION

The 30th Medical Group will be closed, including the pharmacy, June 15 at noon for official functions. There will also be minimal staffing June 20 from 8 a.m. to noon for the 30th Medical Group change-of-command. The clinic will re-open the next duty day after each closure. People who need urgent or emergency care, should go to the nearest emergency room and call the toll-free number on the back of the TRICARE card for assistance.

ENLISTED ACTION TEAM SCHEDULES MEETING JUNE 18

The Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team has scheduled a meeting for June 18 at 3 p.m. in the garden room at the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Richard Bugbee at 606-9236.

MEDICAL GROUP CHANGES COMMAND JUNE 20 AT WING HQ

The 30th Medical Group change-of-command Ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. June 20 at the flagpole in front of 30th Space Wing Head-

quarters, building 10577. Nebraska Avenue, from the east parking lot entrance to the west driveway of the Pacific Coast Club will be closed from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Call Lt. Col. Jeffery Jessup at 606-8860 with questions.

FOCUS GROUP MEETS TO RECEIVE CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

A focus group will be conducted at the Vandenberg Commissary 1 p.m. June 21 for Defense Commissary Agency managers to gain first hand knowledge of how well they are meeting customers needs, wants and expectations. Applications for the focus group are located at the commissary customer service office.

FARMER'S MARKET COMES TO VAFB COMMISSARY

The Vandenberg Commissary has scheduled a farmer's market June 21 through 23. There will also be a sidewalk sale June 30. Both events are during normal hours of operations. Operating hours for the commissary are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call the commissary staff at 606-0125 extension 225.

SENIOR NCO SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD CONVENES

The next Senior NCO Supplemental Promotion Board is scheduled to convene July 30. The suspense for receipt of fully documented cases is June 19 due to the promotion office in building 11777 room C-209. Call 605-3854 or 606-2902 for information.



ARIMAN 1ST CLASS JOHNATHAN POMEROY

Two members of the Vandenberg Hot Shots conduct controlled burns near the off-road-vehicle area Tuesday. Controlled burns are used to prevent fires from spreading quickly by depriving the flame of the fuel it uses.

Vandenberg controlled burns indicate fire season's start

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

Members of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection flight will conduct training fires throughout Vandenberg in preparation for the current fire

season which last from May through December.

Base Fire Chief, Mark Farias, explained that the training fires, commonly referred to as controlled burns, are used for several reasons.

The first is to train the Hot Shots crew, newly as-

signed firefighters, bull dozer operators and helicopter pilots in the proper techniques for combating wildland fires.

Mark Smith, Hot Shots superintendent, said another reason for the controlled burns at Vandenberg is to replicate the natural process of wildland fires under controlled conditions.

"If we fight fires without integrating controlled burns into our fire fighting strategy, the vegetation on the base would generate a large amount of dead plants creating a large fuel bed for a fire and making it more difficult to contain and extinguish."

Smith added that the wildlife on Vandenberg also thrives from this process because the animals can feed on the fresh vegetation that grows after the fire.

The Hot Shots superintendent said determining where to conduct controlled burns is no simple matter. They use the Global Information Service to inventory by age, vegetation beds that can fuel a wildland fire. The fuel beds are then matched against the probability of a wildland fire starting and prioritized according to their closeness to populated areas.

As a result, the fuel beds are targeted for burning to avoid the possibility of a wildland fire damaging or destroying base structures, Smith said.

Farias said the crews started by conducting the controlled burns on plots ranging in size from a fourth of an acre to a full acre for a total of 286 acres to be eventually burned.

Smith added that 10,000 acres are targeted for prescribed burns over the next five years. This keeps the natural process of fire in place. He added that the prescribed burns are planned and coordinated by the Vandenberg Hot Shots Crew. However, the operation is prepared and conducted as a team effort using the fire protection flight's Hot Shots crew and operation's section, civil engineers, the horizontal flight's fire dozer team, and the 76th Helicopter Flight.

More Camp Cooke remnants come down

Warehouses used during Korean War no longer support mission

BY 2ND LT. MIKE KACZ
30th Space Wing Public Affairs Transition Student

Some of the last remnants of what used to be Camp Cooke are in the process of being torn down here at Vandenberg.

The Kroeker Corporation from Fresno Calif., and members with the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron are tearing down a row of buildings along Iceland avenue that were built and heavily used in the 1940's as warehouses for Camp Cooke and the Army mission. They were deactivated a short time after being built until they were needed again in the 1950's during the Korean War. The 40th division used them while they trained here

before heading to war.

According to James Lowsley, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy base civil engineer, part of the reason the warehouses are coming down is because of structural problems. Lowsley explained that the decision is not limited to the age of the buildings alone, but also attributed to dry rot throughout most of the wooden floors.

"During the final days that these warehouses were being used, they had severe load limits due to this dry rotting, making them very inefficient and unsafe to use as warehouse's," he said.

Before the building can be torn down,

a contractor conducts a survey to discover what hazardous materials exist there and how much there is.

"these warehouses ... had severe load limits ... making them very inefficient and unsafe to use."

James Lowsley, Deputy base civil engineer
30th Civil Engineer Squadron

material as we can to protect the environment and save money." About ten years ago, civil engineers and the Air Force began to realize that there was a surplus of older buildings that were very expensive to maintain. It was then mandated Air Force wide that every command and installation develop a

demolition plan, Lowsley said.

Anything that was World War II or vintage era, unless it was historic, was in the plans to be torn down. "In one year alone we had demolished about 200 buildings here at Vandenberg," Lowsley said. "Most of these were old two story barracks and old tank maintenance facilities that had been around since the 1940's." It was an enormous undertaking and Lowsley played a large role in accomplishing this goal. "I thought it was both humorous and a great compliment when someone stated that I was going through Vandenberg like Sherman went through Georgia, he said. Lowsley said there are no immediate plans to rebuild new warehouses in place of the old ones.

If a new contract is established, the warehouses will probably be built in the same general area, he added.

Vandenberg family member wins scholarship

By STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ One of the military community's premier benefits has become even more valuable to a Vandenberg family member.

The winners for the 2001 Scholarships for Military Children have been announced and among them is Tia Flowers, daughter of Su and retired Master Sgt. Tim Flowers, Special Security Officer for Vandenberg.

The scholarship program was initiated last fall at more than 280 commissaries



Courtesy Photo

Tia Flowers

worldwide to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college-enrolled students. Scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military members who are on active duty, retired or in the guard or reserves. Applicants are required to have a 3.0 grade point average, be involved in community and leadership activities, and to write an essay on "What being a military dependent means to me."

"The response from the students and sponsors was fantastic," said Maj. Gen. Robert Courter, Jr., Defense Commis-

sary Agency director. "Through the generosity of our trading partners, additional scholarships are available for other high quality applicants. As a result, a total of 391 scholarships are being awarded for the fall of 2001."

With 19 VAFB commissary applicants, Randy Epps store director, said he was pleased with the response.

"Community involvement is what the Vandenberg Air Force Base commissary is all about," he said.

Flowers was excited to find out she won, "This was one of the biggest scholarships I put in for. It will definitely help toward college costs." The \$1,500 scholarship will help offset tuition at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles University this fall where the 18-year-old Cabrillo High School graduate plans to major in nursing.

Flowers ambition to become a registered nurse came during a trip to another country. "I took a trip to Mexico with my church group and became inspired to help missions as a nurse." Flowers mentioned that there is a short-



STAFF SGT. OSCAR SAMANIEGO

(Left to right) Lt. Col. Paul Wuebold, 30th Support Group deputy commander; Dave Roberts, Reckitt Benckiser, inc; Randy Epps VAFB commissary store director; Tia Flowers; Su Flowers and Tim Flowers celebrate during Tia's scholarship presentation ceremony June 1.

age of missionaries especially, as nurses.

Besides church, Flowers is actively involved in local Civil Air Patrol Squadron 101 at Vandenberg AFB. She has been involved in the air patrol for five years. Throughout that time Flowers has been heavily influenced by her mentor, retired Lt. Col. Russell Hodges, who is now the Civil Air Patrol commander.

"Colonel Hodges has always been a positive influence on me," she said. "He took the extra time to push me along and even assisted me with free flight lessons."

Flowers credits the benefits and opportunities offered to military dependents as having impacted her life by instilling a certain level of discipline and

respect for authority.

The security of the base community has had a positive impact on her. "The safety of the base has helped give me the confidence needed to mature socially and to succeed academically in school."

Succeeding in academics came at a cost for Tia her dad said, "Tia would spend hours studying. I sometimes worried about how much sleep she was getting."

Even with the academic challenges ahead, Tia looks forward to college.

"I'm excited about making new friends," the scholarship winner said. "To be able to meet people with the common goal of higher education will be great."

Minuteman II missile returning to South Dakota

By TECH. SGT. D.E. MANUSZEWSKI JR.
28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

■ **ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D.** — Although the Cold War is over, its legacy lives on in western South Dakota. To honor those who maintained former President John F. Kennedy's "ace in the hole," people from here and the 90th Missile Wing at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., will begin preparation June 14 to transfer two decommissioned Minuteman II missile sites to the National Park Service.

About 25 people from F.E. Warren, many of whom served with the 44th Missile Wing here before it was inactivated in 1994, will place a Minuteman II in a silo at one of the sites as a tribute to the men and women who fought the Cold War from deep within the Great Plains.

During the week of June 11 the missile will arrive here from Hill AFB, Utah, and the specialists from F.E. Warren will prepare it for placement in

the silo.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty calls for all missile silos in South Dakota to be destroyed or turned into static displays by December. So far, more than 400 sites across the Great Plains have been demolished with only a few remaining.

The two sites, 50 miles east of Ellsworth near Wall, S. D., were selected for the display.

"Over the years, as the Minuteman II and III were developed and deployed, our sites remained the least upgraded in the Minuteman system," said Tim Pavek, manager of the Minuteman II Deactivation Program. "Now they are the most representative of the original Minuteman installations. The two sites are really the only originally configured Minuteman II sites remaining."

National park officials also determined that the location of the two missile sites near Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park made them excellent

candidates to join the National park system. As a result, Congress established the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in 1999. It includes the two sites and a future visitor center.

"The people of Ellsworth, western South Dakota, and America should be proud and grateful of the role our intercontinental ballistic missiles played during the Cold War," Pavek said. "These two missile sites, representing hundreds of missile sites dispersed across the rural heartland of America, will be preserved for all America as a reminder of this significant period in our history."

After the missile is in place, a viewing enclosure will be constructed over the partially open missile silo. The Air Force will turn the sites over to the National Park Service during an official ceremony in the fall.

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)



TECH. SGT. D.E. MANUSZEWSKI JR.

A Minuteman II missile, like this one at the South Dakota Air and Space Museum, will be placed in an unused missile silo near Wall, S.D., and become part of a national historic site.

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FRI

The base library now has Internet access.

Call 606-6414 for more information.

A **mutual funds basics class** will be held at the family support center today at 11 a.m. People can learn how to make their money work for them by investing in mutual funds. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

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MON

A **Take-Off-Pounds-Sensibly** weekly

weight loss support group meets every Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the health and wellness center. For more information, call Laura Bonneau at 733-1724 or Amy Rickel at 734-1542.

A free, non-credit class in **relaxation exercises and the ancient arts of t'ai chi and chi gung** will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the services center. The class will focus on improving balance, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness, stress management, and emotional well being. For more information, call Steve Dunlap at (800) 338-8731 extension 3209.

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TUE

The **Single Parents Support**

Group will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Registration is not required. The seminar is for people who are dealing with divorce, single parenting and any issues that may arise in the family. Call Linda Bastine at 606-9958 for information.

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WED

Weekly nutrition classes are held at the

health and wellness center Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Topics to be discussed



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOHNATHAN POMEROY

Fan dance

The Korean Performance Group performs a Korean Fan Dance to entertain guests at the Asian Pacific American Heritage banquet held at the Pacific Coast Club June 2. The dance signifies honor and royalty.

include; heart smart for cholesterol control, diabetic meal planning with carbohydrate counting and prenatal child nutrition or nutrition for health. Call 606-2221 for information.

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THUR

The **Hispanic Heritage Month**

planning committee meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the services center. People do not have to be hispanic to participate.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Pablo Mendez at 606-6504 or Senior Airman Alexander Rodriguez at 606-1541, extension 3718.

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FRI

A **College Level Examination Program**

English with essay test for military only is scheduled for Friday at 8 a.m. in the base education center, building 14002.

The test will be held if enough people are scheduled. For an appointment, call Debbie 605-5902.

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MON

Allan Hancock College

four-, six- or eight-week summer classes begin June 18. Day, evening and Saturday classes will be offered at the Santa Maria, Lompoc Valley and Vandenberg campuses and at the Solvang center. A typical class is three units and the enrollment fee is \$11 per unit; other fees may apply. People can register by appointment Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at any Allan Hancock College location. For information, call the Santa Maria campus at 922-6966, extension 3248; the Lompoc Valley center at 735-3366; the Vandenberg campus at 734-3500 or 605-5915 or the Solvang center at 693-1543.

Students must make appointments at the campus they plan to attend. No appointments are necessary to register Wednesday from 2-7 p.m.

A **financial planning seminar** for retirement, college or a second career

will be held at the family support center 11 a.m., June 18. People can learn what they need to know to make decisions about their financial future by learning the fundamentals of planning principles and how to create a plan. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

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WED

An **interviewing and dressing for**

success workshop will be held at the family support center June 20 at 9 a.m. People can learn how to make a good first impression, interviewing behavior tips and career dressing for men and women. Call Roy Caldwell at 606-0039 to register.

A **manage your move workshop** will be held at the family support center June 20 at 1:30 p.m. People will receive briefings from the housing office, traffic management, accounting and finance, the legal office, personal financial management and Tricare.

Call the relocation assistance program at 606-0801 for registration.

AT THE MOVIES

TODAY

Spy Kids Starring Robert Patrick and Antonio Banderas.

Carmen and Juni think their parents are boring. Little do they know that in their day, Gregorio and Ingrid Cortez were the top secret agents from their respective countries. They gave up that life to raise their children. Now, the disappearances of several of their old colleagues forces the Cortez' return from retirement. What they didn't count on was Carmen and Juni joining the "family business." Rated PG-13.

SATURDAY

Joe Dirt Starring David Spade and Brittnay.

David Spade stars as Joe Dirt, an idiot who works as an oil weller on the search for his parents who abandoned him at the grand canyon when he was a baby. Rated PG-13.

SUNDAY

Town And Country, Starring Warren Beatty and Goldie Hawn

While celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in Paris with their best friends, Mona and Griffin, it becomes clear to Porter and Ellie that something is wrong. A series of events bring in to question the whole idea of love, marriage, commitment and the differences between men and women. Rated R for sexuality and language.

JUNE 15

Driven Starring Sylvester Stallone and Burt Reynolds.

A young hot shot driver is in the middle of a championship season and is coming apart at the seams. A former CART champion is called in to give him guidance. Rated R.

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

VAFB soccer team places in San Diego tournament

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

■ The Vandenberg Hawks soccer team was the runner-up in the 2001 Navy Southwest Region Memorial Day Soccer Tournament held at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego May 26 and 27.

The Hawks were the lone Air Force competitor while the other teams came from ships stationed in San Diego and at surrounding Naval air stations, said Scott Vincent, Hawks coach and chief of information and personal security with the 30th Security Forces Squadron.

The Hawks began their tournament run with an impressive 3-0 shut out against NAS LeMoore during the first day of play.

The next day the level of competition steadily increased as Vandenberg made its way through the tournament. The Hawk's next opponent, Amerika, was a tough team comprised of several all-Navy players. However, the Hawks defense again held its ground as the team posted another shutout with a 2-0 victory.

The Hawks secured a playoff berth as the number one seed in their group by virtue of their impressive victories, Vincent said.

In the semi-finals, the Hawk's next opponent was from the USS Belleau Wood; the second-place team from the first group.

"The level of fitness and overall fatigue became a factor in the game because both teams had played earlier in the day," said John Vinson, Vandenberg Hawks team member.

The Hawks drew "first blood" on a set play to Juan Hernandez.



COURTESY PHOTO

Vandenberg's varsity soccer team, the Hawks, display their trophies after posting a strong showing in the soccer tournament held in San Diego Memorial Day weekend.

Vinson said "Team USS Belleau Wood tried pulling an off-sides trap, but Juan timed his run beautifully and got just enough of a touch on the ball to make it past their goal keeper for the score."

Marvin Banks added a second goal early in the second half with another well-placed strike from outside the 18-yard line.

The Belleau Wood team got on the board late in the second half with a controversial penalty kick, but it was too little too late as the Hawks held on to win the game. The victory advanced the Hawks to the championship game.

The championship, Vandenberg's third game of the day, was against Naval Base Coronado; an all star-team comprised of sailors and Marines from several Navy and Marine bases to in-

clude NAS Miramar and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

NBC had pounded other teams in their bracket with scores of 11-0 and 8-0, but found the Hawks to be a formidable opponent.

The first half was scoreless as both teams were unable to take advantage of opportunities because of solid defense.

NBC netted the first goal midway in the second half on a strong shot from well outside the 18-yard line.

But the Hawks would not be denied. The talons came out when team member Rick Lucca sent the ball down in front of the 6-yard line. The NBC goal keeper came out to clear it, but another Hawk, Marvin Banks, got to the ball first and flicked it into the net to even the score.

Both teams had several scoring opportunities but neither could capitalize because of stifling defenses.

As the game drew to a close with 10 seconds left to play, one of NBC's midfielders fired a perfectly placed ball from about 30 yards out.

The Hawk's goal keeper was unable to stop the well-placed ball.

A stunned and exhausted Vandenberg team finished the game with a 1-2 loss.

Vinson said that even with a bitter-sweet ending in the finals, Vandenberg represented the Air Force proudly and gained some well deserved respect from all involved in the San Diego tournament. Most of Vandenberg's players agreed that this was a lot of fun, and can't wait till next year.

"Lookout Navy, we'll be back," concluded the coach.

Base units compete in May fitness day

COMPILED FROM REPORTS

■ Team Vandenberg came out in full force May 31 to participate in the 30th Services Squadron's fitness day. The final standings are:

Basketball:

First; 30th Security Forces Squadron
Second; 30th Security Forces Squadron
Third; 30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Football:

First; 381st Training Squadron
Second; 30th Operations Group
Third 392nd Training Squadron

Soccer:

First; 30th Operations Group
Second; 30th Security Forces Squadron
Third; 30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Volley Ball:

First; 14th Air Force
Second; 30th Security Forces Squadron
Third; 576th Flight Test Squadron

Bowling:

First; 30th Operations Group
Second; 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Third; 30th Operations Group

Four by Four Relay:

First; 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Second; 30th Medical Group
Third; 30th Mission Support Squadron

Tug-O-Truck:

First; 30th Transportation Squadron
Second; 30th Security Forces Squadron
Third; 30th Transportation Squadron

Football Throw:

First; 381st Training Squadron
Second; 30th Operations Group
Third; 30th Transportation Squadron

Bench Press:

Men; First; 576th Flight Test Squadron
Second; 30th Security Forces Squadron
Third; 30th Transportation Squadron

Women; First; 381st Training Squadron

Second; 30th Services Squadron
Third; 30th Security Forces Squadron

Golf 9 Hole:

First; 2nd Space Launch Squadron
Second; Detachment 9
Third; 30th Medical Group

Homerun Derby:

First; 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Second; 576th Flight Test Squadron
Third; 30th Operations Group

Softball Pitch:

First; 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Second; 30th Operations Group
Third; 30th Security Forces Squadron



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

30th Security Forces Squadron members pull a fire truck in the Fitness Day Tug-O-Truck competition.

S 30th Services



NEWS

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NOON TO 3PM**

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ATWIND EVENT!

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Pacific Coast Club

Father's Day BRUNCH

Featuring our outstanding Brunch Menu!



June 17

Seating at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Members **\$14⁹⁵** Eligible Non-members **\$17⁹⁵**

Children 4 to 12, 75¢ per year. Under 4 years, FREE

Father's may enter a drawing for a...



FREE

BBQ GAS GRILL!

Please use your brunch receipt and include your name, your club card number and phone number.

Drawing will be held the day after Father's Day.

Reservations, please
734-4375

ATWIND EVENT!

SERVICES CENTER

SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN - EARLY BIRD TICKETS!

Valid through Dec. 31. On sale now until June 30. Cost is \$22 per person. Call 606-7976 for more information.

OUTDOOR REC

KERN RIVER RAFTING TRIP - June 23 OR June 24 These are one day trips. June 15 is sign-up deadline, \$55 per person. Minimum age, 16 years. Call 606-5908 for more information. **ATWIND EVENT!**

GOLF

FRIDAY - Red Cross Shotgun Start Tournament 7:30 a.m. Open play, 12 p.m.

SATURDAY - Men's Club Tournament, 9 a.m.

EVERY SATURDAY - ATWIND EVENT! Junior golf lessons, 1:30 p.m.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE - CLOSURE OF ENGRAVING SERVICE Due to much needed repairs and upgrades, our metal engraving service is closed. Look for future information on reopening.

SWIMMING

Youth Water Polo -Boys and girls, ages 8 to 14. Session I, Tuesday through June 29, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

Adult Swim Lessons - ATWIND EVENT! Session I. June 12 to July 12, Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$20 for active duty, retiree and family member and \$25 all others.

BOWLING

BONANZA BINGO - is going strong at the Bowling Center! You can play all day, every day for \$1 per card. Win up to \$1,000. Over \$21,688 paid out to date.

BOWLINGCENTER- will be closed Sundays until September 2.



Located at the Services Center

STYLES of MASSAGE available:

- Swedish Massage
 - Deep Tissue Massage
- by appointment

Father's Day Gift Certificates are available!

Call Mary
605-4748 or 717-9088

Youth Sports

YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION-

Register at the Youth Center Monday through Friday until June 29 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for players ages 5 through 13.

- 13 and under boys - travel to Orcutt to play
- 13 and under girls - travel to Orcutt to play
- 11 and under boys - travel to Orcutt to play
- 11 and under girls - travel to Orcutt to play
- 9 years and under coed teams play at VAFB.
- Players league age is determined by the age of the player on Aug. 1.
- Cost is \$40. \$35 for Youth Center members.



Play ATWIND



at these activities!

THIS WEEK'S PLACES TO PLAY:

- Friday-** ATWIND Golf Day at Marshallia Ranch, **all day!**
Friday- Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday- Exploring Mutual Funds, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Saturday-** Youth Bowling at the Bowling Center, **all day!**
Saturday- Youth Golf at Marshallia Ranch, **all day!**
Saturday- Skills Auto Hobby Shop, **all day!**
- Sunday-** Singles' Ministry Video, Chapel One Annex, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Monday-** Lunch at the Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday-** Airmen E-4 and below, Bowling Day, **all day!**
Tuesday- Transition Assistance, Family Support Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday- Day Trip to the Tide Pools, Outdoor Rec, 11 a.m.
Tuesday- Single Parents Group, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday- Box Aerobics, Services Center, 12 to 12:45 p.m.
Tuesday- Stress Management Class, health and wellness center, 2 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday- Family Night, Pacific Coast Club, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday-** ATWIND Fitness Day at the Fitness Center, **all day!**
(minimum 30 min. workout)
- Wednesday-** Use Your Library Card, Library, **all day!**
- Wednesday-** Transition Assistance, Family Support Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday- Lunch at the Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday- Water Aerobics, Base Pool, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,
Wednesday- Parent Advisory Board, Library, 3 p.m.
- Thursday-** ATWIND Bowl Day at the Bowling Center, **all day!**
Thursday- Skills - Arts and Crafts, **all day!**
Thursday- Breakfast at the Breakers and Air Education and Training Command
Thursday- Transition Assistance, Family Support Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- June 15-** ATWIND Golf Day, **all day!**
June 15- Exploring Mutual Funds, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.,
June 15- Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
June 15- 5K/10K Fun Run, Fitness Center, 12 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

Now through
August 31

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