

# Tiger rewrites golf history

By John Mabanglo, Agence France-Presse

...the 18th green Sunday in Pebble Beach, Calif.

...ows away the field — by  
— for his first Open title

## Cover story

### His record-setting rounds

Tiger Woods finished 15 strokes ahead of the second-place finishers, the largest winning margin in the history of major golf championships. He also set or tied numerous other records, Graphic, 2A.

### Top margins in past U.S. Opens

**15 strokes**  
Tiger Woods, 2000

**11 strokes**  
Willie Smith, 1899

**9 strokes**  
Jim Barnes, 1921

ized wheelchairs, pushing baby joggers, pedaling mountain bikes, lugging stepladders, plastic pails and cardboard periscopes and screaming, "Go Tiger" and "You da man."

Reporters were tracing his footsteps all over the course, inside the ropes, about 150 strong, broadcasting live, shot-by-shot, around the globe, whispering into microphones, firing thousands of pictures and scribbling mountains of notes. They captured it all, whether he did something surprising — like letting expletives fly when he cranked his 18th tee shot out of bounds just after daybreak Saturday — or something mundane, like fortifying himself with a sandwich midway through each of his rounds.

Why? To admit they were all wrong when they said, shortly after he turned pro in 1996, that they thought he'd never win the U.S. Open because he didn't have the head or the complete game, that he was too impatient and much too wild with his drives?

Of course not. No, they were here because this was a piece of history.

This was a happening.  
This was a love-in, circa 2000.  
This was TigerWoodstock.  
"It's like going to a zoo," said Adam

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## Campaigns' new faces

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# ROTC falls short for a fifth year

By Andrea Stone  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Army and Navy will fail to commission enough new officers for the fifth consecutive year, a trend that threatens to destabilize the future leadership of the military.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program, which commissions more than half of all new Army and Navy officers through college campus-based programs, is projected to fall short of its goals again in 2000.

▶ The Army, which hasn't met its ROTC commissioning target since 1995, will miss by 18%. For the first time since 1995, Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) won't be able to fill the gap.

▶ The Navy, which also hasn't met its ROTC goal since 1995, will miss by 14%.

▶ The Marine Corps, which relies on Navy ROTC, sets no goals.

▶ The Air Force, however, which missed its ROTC goal by 5% last year, expects to surpass its target number by 5% in 2000.

ROTC produces more than half of new line officers — those who aren't professionals who receive direct commissions. Last year, 70% of new Army line officers came from ROTC, down from 77% in 1997.

The services traditionally bump up enrollment in officer training schools when ROTC falls short. This year, at least in the Army, even that won't fill the slots.

The ROTC and OCS shortfalls come at a precarious time for the military. Applications to the elite service academies have fallen sharply in the past decade.

At the same time, junior officers are heading for the doors. Nearly 14% of Marine captains left last year, up from 11.7% in 1998. The Army saw a 58% increase in captains who left, from 6.7% in 1989 to 10.6% last year.

There already has been a ripple effect. Top officers always have received early promotion.

Now, more average performers are pinning on captain's bars before the 3½ years it usually takes to win promotion. Many fill jobs normally reserved for higher ranks. In the Army, lieutenants fill 15% of captain positions, up from just 3% in 1988.

Army Secretary Louis Caldera says quicker promotions haven't hurt the caliber of leadership: "It may not be ideal in terms of experience, but it certainly is within the range of acceptable outcomes."

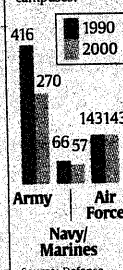
Critics disagree.

"Any business that doesn't have good executives coming in has a weak future," says David Grossman, a former ROTC instructor at Arkansas State University.

▶ Interest diminished, 10A

### Campus ROTC units decline

Number of Reserve Officer Training Corps units on college campuses:



Source: Defense Department

By Sam Ward, USA TODAY

# pose his own retirement savings program

### Gore's plan

Workers could put up to \$2,000 a year of tax-deductible savings in IRAs outside the Social Security system; the government

CNN/Gallup Poll this month.

Gore will argue that his alternative would offer the prospect of higher returns from the stock market without putting current Social Security benefits at risk. "This is not a carve-out that reduces anybody's Social Security benefit, but an add-on," says Alan Blinder, a Gore adviser and former Federal Reserve vice chairman.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer accused Gore of flip-flopping after criticizing Bush's plan as risky. "This raises a

### Bush's plan

Workers could choose to invest an unspecified portion of their Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market. It's unclear

ductible, and the government would offer a match based on income.

▶ The money could be invested in broad-based market index funds, bonds and government securities.

▶ The money could be withdrawn without penalty for retirement, to buy a first home, or to pay for a child's college education or catastrophic medical bills.

The plan would offer a \$3 government match for each \$1 in savings for couples with incomes less than \$30,000 a year. For those with incomes more

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