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Skunk was rabid

A skunk killed by dogs on Ripley Drive last week was found to have rabies.

The skunk was proved rabid in test by a state diagnostic laboratory in Decatur, according to Capt. Frank Stinson, post veterinarian.

The dogs are being held in quarantine.

Stinson advised parents to caution their children not to approach stray animals and to report erratic behavior by pets or wild animals to the post veterinarian at 876-5847.

Also, said Stinson, arsenal residents should have their pets vaccinated for rabies if they have not done so in the past year.

Skunks are being trapped and removed from the housing area by arsenal entomologist Charles Koch.

Ten skunks were trapped over the past weekend, he said.

Campaign ends

CFC donations down

The annual Combined Federal Campaign charity drive officially ended here Oct. 31 but anyone wishing to make a pledge or donation may do so through the end of this week, according to Ruth Morrison, arsenal CFC chairman.

"I don't think we missed contacting anyone but if we did we can still take donations through Friday," she said.

The area campaign which involves federal agencies in Huntsville fell far short of its \$575,000 fund raising goal. The unofficial total as of Nov. 7 was \$456,268. Officials expect that figure to go up some before campaign books are closed Friday. At that time a breakdown of what agencies received gifts and in what amounts will be available.

Contributions this year are "significantly down" from previous years, Morrison noted. The present \$456,268 figure contrasts with

\$526,566 raised last year and \$575,000 donated the year before.

Local campaign officials believe several factors caused this year's drop. These include the general condition of the economy and the "no pressure" rules in force for the past two years that limit the soliciting of donations.

Also contributing to the drop, officials believe, is the inclusion in this campaign of new categories of participating agencies and the possibility that some potential donors did not fully understand the provisions for designating gifts.

Morrison explained that contributors can designate their gifts for a particular charity and only that agency will get every penny of the designated gift.

Undesignated gifts, on the other hand, are parceled out to participating agencies according to a formula.

Men, women get same PT test

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Female soldiers may find the Army's new physical training test is somewhat tougher than the present test.

And soldiers age 40 and older will no longer enjoy the luxury of not being tested. Officials say that by mid-1981 they'll be tested on the two-mile run and eventually face the same exercises as those under 40.

"Well, this is going to be the first PT test I ever flunked," said one local woman soldier to another. She said she can't do one "male" pushup.

Under the new physical training program, scheduled for implementation by Missile Command soldiers Dec. 1, female soldiers will have to perform the same exercises as the men.

Everyone under 40 years old will have to do a certain number of pushups and situps, each test with a two-minute time limit. They'll have to run two miles within a certain time. Standards are different for male and female soldiers.

"I personally think this will do a

lot for the credibility of a female soldier," said Lt. Col. Errol Frazier, commander of special troops. "If she can pass, her credibility's going to be a lot better.

"In the past, the male soldier generally scoffed at the test the woman had to take. They just didn't think it was realistic and it wasn't."

The old test for male soldiers consisted of five events: one minute for pushups; one minute for situps; run, dodge and jump; horizontal ladder; and a mile run less than seven minutes.

The new test eliminates the run, dodge and jump agility event and also the hand-over-hand-down-a-ladder strength test. Unlike the old special test, in which the soldier just needed a minimum accumulative score, soldiers must meet minimum standards in each event.

Frazier said he doesn't think the new test is more difficult but should be easier to administer because a special PT field won't be necessary.

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Holiday leave

Question: Will the arsenal close the day after Thanksgiving and during the Christmas period and if not, what's the leave policy going to be?

Answer: The arsenal is not going to close. The day after Thanksgiving and the days of Christmas Week (other than the authorized holidays — on December 25 and January 1) will be work days. MICOM's policy on those days will be to grant liberal leave. Managers and supervisors are being told that "liberal leave" means they must maintain the capability at all times to perform essential functions, specifically to include supplying and supporting the customers of the command. That means minimum staffing. Supervisors have not been told to have 50 percent of their people on duty or any other specific number. Those assigned to other local Army commands and agencies should check with their supervisors to determine policy on holiday leave.

EEO goals

Question: The Oct. 29 issue of the Rocket included a list of MICOM objectives that resulted from the recent Performance Management Conference. One of them relating to affirmative action-EEO said: "A MICOM workforce mirroring the local demographic composition achieved by the end of FY 82 (4.4 percent increase)". If the new administration intends to "freeze" federal hiring as news reports indicate it will, will that objective still stand?

Answer: It will stand as long as it is within the ability of MICOM to reach the objective. If all federal agencies are directed to stop all hiring for a prolonged period (months or years) then obviously we would have a situation beyond MICOM's control. What a new administration may require in terms of a "freeze" has not yet been spelled out. For example, federal agencies have been operating for the past several months under a "freeze" ordered by the present ad-

ministration, but that order allowed DOD elements to continue filling some jobs by internal transfers and to do limited outside hiring too.

Temporary promotion

Question: Can a person be temporarily promoted twice within the same 12 month period. If not what regulation prohibits it?

Answer: The answer is yes, but if the promotion is non-competitive it cannot exceed 120 days, according to Jimmy Temple of Civilian Personnel.

'Special rate' pay

Question: Why didn't people classed as "special rate" professionals for pay purposes get a pay raise?

Answer: Dean Jones of Finance and Accounting said that OPM has not yet published the "special rate" pay schedules. When the schedules are received, you will get your raise retroactive to the effective date.

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VE program exceeds goals

For the first time in eight years the value engineering program here has exceeded both its goals for number of money-saving proposals and money saved.

"The last time that occurred was 1972 and these goals are tough to meet," said Dr. Eugene Equi, a value engineering action officer.

The goal for money saved was \$25 million for fiscal year 1980, and the Missile Command exceeded that by \$23.5 million. MICOM also exceeded its goals for totals of value engineering proposals from in-house organizations and contractors.

Goals are set by the Army's Materiel Development and Readiness Command. The value engineering office here distributes the goals to the various MICOM elements.

Those elements are assigned percentages of the goals based on how much money each element has to work with. "We find out who has got what money, we assign them a goal, negotiate the goal with the command element to get them to accept it," Equi explained, "and after they accept it, they proceed to do the value engineering."

MICOM's goal for money-saving proposals from contractors, called Value Engineering Change Proposals (VECP), was 70 for fiscal 1980. There were 76 submitted.

The goal for money-saving proposals from in-house (arsenal) organizations, called Value Engineering Proposals (VEP), was 115 for fiscal 1980. There were 134 submitted.

"All these items saved money, which totaled to \$48.5 million," Equi said. This money saved — \$48,575,000 — meant MICOM surpassed its \$25 million goal by 94 percent.

Money-saving proposals are submitted to the Value Engineering office on prepared forms. They must be validated by the chief, manager or director of the group submitting them.

Goals for such proposals and money saved are based on "experience and the amount of dollars in the budget," Equi said.

For fiscal 1979, the combined command here exceeded its money-saved goal but failed to meet goals for money-saving proposals.

MICOM's value engineering office in Bldg. 5400 acts as "value engineering experts," making the program work for MICOM, Equi said.

"We do the coordination between all the commands in DARCOM," he added.



Parade

A Hawk battery from MMCS passes through downtown Jasper in a parade Saturday. Redstone Arsenal soldiers and equipment were also on hand yesterday for Veteran's Day observances in Huntsville and Birmingham.

Hospital rate up for dependent care

The dependent rate for inpatient care at military hospitals increased by 50 cents a day effective Oct. 1, according to Fox Army Community Hospital officials.

The Department of Defense announced the increased charge which is applicable to dependents of active duty members, dependents of retirees and to surviving dependents of deceased members.

This new rate is \$5.50 per day. The rate was \$5 per day.

CHAMPUS (Civilian Health & Medical Program of the Uniformed Services) is also affected. By law, the inpatient cost-share requirement for spouses and children of active duty service members is based on the charge at military hospitals, according to Capt. Ron Sullivan, chief of patient administration at Fox Hospital.

Therefore, also effective Oct. 1, these individuals are required to pay \$5.50 per day or \$25, whichever is greater, he said.

The change does not affect CHAMPUS cost-sharing requirements for retirees, dependents of retirees or surviving spouses and children of deceased members, Sullivan said. "These beneficiaries are responsible for 25 percent of the reasonable cost-charges for both inpatient and outpatient services — with the Government cost sharing 75 percent."

Tin City occupied once again

More than 60 MMCS students moved into quarters in Tin City (3700 area) last week as a result of recent increases in the number of students in training here.

School brigade officials said they expect the soldiers to remain in the Quonset hut type buildings at least until the Christmas holidays and probably well into January.

CSM William Arrington of the 2nd Battalion said arsenal agencies such as Facility Engineers have been very helpful during the move. Morale and Welfare Division assisted in installing cable TV, and the Post Exchange helped provide vending machines, he noted.

Sgt. Bruce Nelson, assistant platoon sergeant of the 8th Student Company's 5th Platoon, said the move is only a minor inconvenience for the soldiers. "We've arranged

to bus them to and from chow, so they won't have to walk. On weekends, we also bus them to the PX and back.

"Mostly, they don't like to move. They didn't like to move down here, but now they don't want to move back. They're no farther from the Recreation Center and the Theater than they were before and several of them have said that it's quieter out here and they like that," Nelson said.

Although limited numbers of soldiers were quartered there previously, the Tin City facilities have not been used extensively for several years. In the past, consideration was given to razing the structures.

However, the buildings are now expected to remain on stand-by status until the new barracks are completed.

Homes get new siding

The two-story dwellings on Dyer Circle and Niblo and Skinner Drives soon will be getting a face lift with the application of vinyl siding.

The old siding will be removed and new vinyl clad panels installed beginning around Dec. 1, according to Bill Smart, chief of family housing branch.

Initially new siding will be applied and trim painted on 23 six-family dwellings over a five month period at a cost of \$177,000.

The 23 buildings presently have a type of siding that has been "a continuous main-

tenance problem and eyesore," said Smart. "It won't hold paint — it flakes off almost as soon as we paint it," he commented.

The work isn't expected to create noise or any other problems for residents, Smart said, and should be going on until mid-April.

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PVT Arthur Montes, 4th S.C. — "If you live with honest people it shouldn't be a problem . . . I lock my stuff up."



SGT. William Wells, 4th S.C. — "Never trust your friends because you only know them for a short period of time, and that means they're not really friends at all."



Sp4 John Greco, 95th SVC — "Check my things twice before I leave the room."

Military police warn against holiday thefts

As the holiday season approaches, MPs urge soldiers here to take extra caution to safeguard valuables against the accompanying increase in thefts.

Crime Prevention NCO Ivan Hall cited the 61 larcenies committed last year from mid November through the end of January, which resulted in the loss of \$57,000 to government and private property. "There are a few soldiers here who won't be going home for Christmas because their plane ticket or the money they had saved to buy one is going to be stolen from an unsecured place," he added.

Military Police Investigation's Chief Ray Clift agreed with Hall's prediction, recalling the eight larcenies committed last year in the same building the day before the start of the Christmas Break.

This year the MPs hope to curb the problem by making soldiers more aware of the consequences of leaving valuables unsecured.

Twenty-minute briefings are offered to military and civilian personnel to acquaint them with the higher probability of larcenies during the holiday period and the importance of always securing valuables. "Our services are available whenever needed", Hall said, "and that includes before PT or after duty hours."

As a follow-up, a letter signed by the Provost Marshall will be sent to all units emphasizing the need to have items such as televisions and Stereos engraved and to have large amounts of cash kept in unit safes. "Once soldiers realize that larceny is not something that happens to the other guy, the problem will be half solved," concluded Hall.



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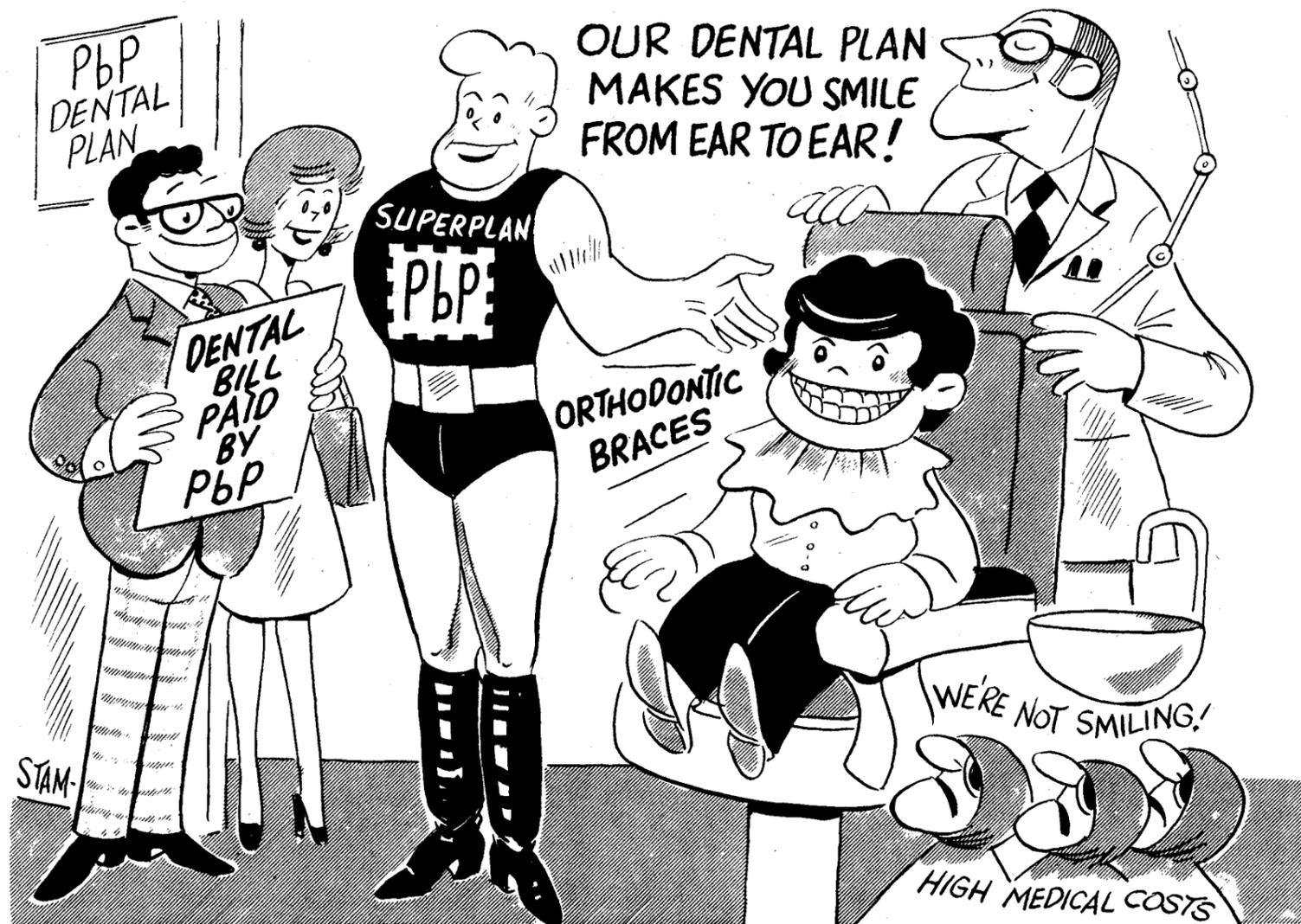
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Bad checks increase at PX

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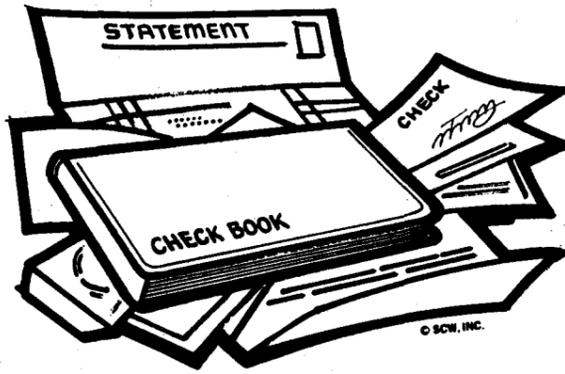
Most bad checks are "floating checks," according to Robinson. A check floats if it is written without enough money in the checking account to cover it.

Robinson believes many people have made a habit of writing a check and then trying to beat it to the bank the next day. It used to take eight to 14 days to process a check through a bank but now takes only one day here if the check is from within the state.

"It's almost impossible to beat a check to the bank because we use the night deposit system here," he said. "Sometimes we even have a pick-up during the day, so a check can be written in the morning and be at the bank by 1 p.m."

Checks from another state usually take five to six days to be processed, according to the manager.

Maj. Gen. Duane H. Stubbs, commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said dishonored checks continue to be a



major problem. AAFES last year lost a new amount of \$621,161 from over \$1 million in checks that were returned dishonored.

Floating checks can be traced to the time when banks and clearing houses needed several day to process a check, Stubbs said.

Penalties for writing "rubber" checks should be considered each time the pen is poised above the signature line, according to officials.

Robinson said first-time offenders get 10 days to pay for the amount of the check, the \$10 service fee here and the service charge to the bank. "If restitution is not made within 10

days, the person will automatically lose their check-writing privileges for six months at any AAFES facility. This includes the Post Commissary also.

"If a person writes a bad check at the commissary here, they'll lose their check-writing privileges at the PX," Robinson added. "Also the words 'check-cashing privilege suspended' is over-stamped on their military ID cards if they are repeat offenders."

Second time offenders could have their check writing privileges taken away permanently. Some cases may wind up in civil court or military courts-martial.

"It's easy to catch a bad check the second time around," Robinson said. "We use an AAFES-wide computer system. This makes bad check writing a risky business, to say the least."

A fee is charged to pay for the administrative processing cost of AAFES and to make sure that the cost of bad checks is absorbed by the offender rather than other AAFES customers.

When an active duty soldier writes a bad check, if not paid it can be automatically deducted from his or her pay, according to Robinson.

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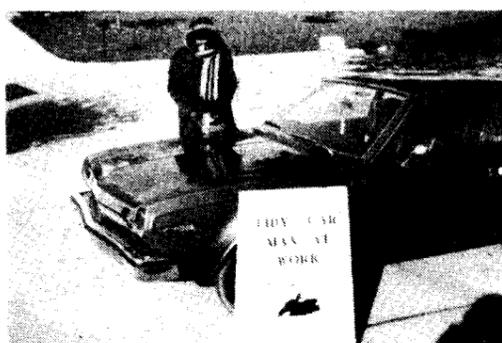
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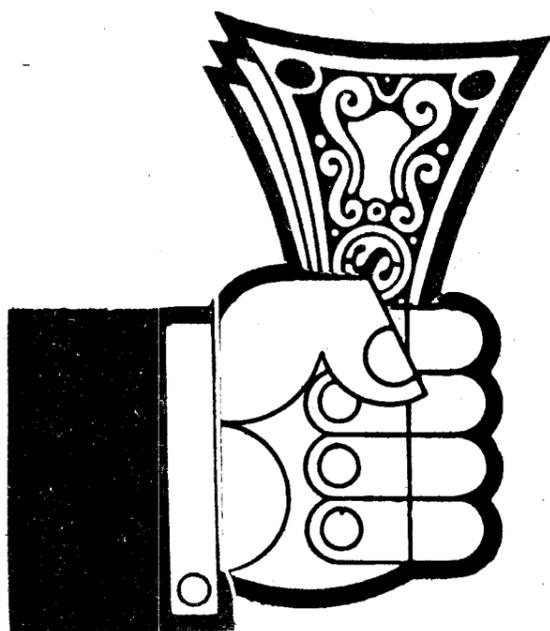
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New pay package combats pay and benefits decline

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A military pay and allowance package effective Oct. 1 was a step toward remedying the decline of military benefits, according to officials.

President Carter signed an executive order increasing the rates of military basic pay, basic allowance for subsistence (BAS), and basic allowance for quarters (BAQ) by 11.7 percent.

The base pay is increased according to grade. For example, a soldier grade E-5 with over two years service was making \$611.70 per month base pay. That soldier's new monthly base pay is \$663.40.

The basic allowance for quarters was \$209.70 per month for grade E-5, which increased to \$234.30 a month.

Mona Moorer, chief of military pay in the Finance and Accounting Office here, said all officers are eligible for a separate subsistence (food) allowance, but not all enlisted soldiers. "The enlisted who eat in mess halls and have meal cards are not eligible for separate subsistence pay," she said.

The food allowance for enlisted soldiers who eat elsewhere was upped to \$3.94 a day. It was \$3.21 from October 1979 through August 1980, \$3.53 effective Sept. 1-30, and then increased to the present level.

For all officers, the food allowance was upped to \$2.75 a day. It was \$2.24 a day October '79 through August, \$2.46 a day Sept. 1-30 before being increased again.

Other parts of the pay and benefits package included a higher clothing maintenance allowance, more travel pay, and a new allowance for housing in the continental United States.

The clothing maintenance allowance for male soldiers with six months of active, continuous service rose from \$5.70 to \$7.20. That allowance for male soldiers with three years of service rose from \$8.10 to \$10.20, Moorer explained.

For female soldiers with six months of service, the clothing allowance increased from \$7.80 to \$8.70. That allowance for females with three years of service rose from \$11.10 to \$12.60.

The family separation allowance was expanded to include the lower enlisted grades. Now all grades are entitled to the \$1 per day allowance for added expenses incurred due to enforcement separation from family, officials said.

Before, that separation allowance left out enlisted members in pay grades E-1, E-2, E-3 and E-4 (four years or less service). The allowance is for soldiers on temporary duty assignment (TDY) or permanent change of station (PCS).

Servicemembers on TDY get more money for meals and lodging under the new package. They were getting \$16 for meals plus cost of

lodging not to exceed \$35 a day. This increased to \$23 for meals plus cost of lodging not to exceed \$50 a day, according to Ann Howard, chief of travel pay at Finance and Accounting.

"We have designated areas where cost exceeds the \$50 rate we have now for per diem," Howard said.

In those areas where housing exceeds \$50, servicemembers can get from \$51 to \$75 per day, she said. The previous maximum was \$50 a day.

For military travelers on permanent change of station, the PCS mileage was increased from 10 cents to 18.5 cents per mile.

Reimbursement for local travel was upped from 20 cents to 22.5 cents per mile. This usually means expenses from traveling in an area of temporary duty assignment.

Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal would have to submit a non-availability of government transportation statement in order to get the local travel reimbursement, Howard said.

A new variable housing allowance (VHA) was implemented to assist soldiers in areas in the continental U.S. where average housing cost exceeds their basic allowance for quarters by 15 percent.

"Here in the Huntsville area, pay grades O-1, O-2 and O-3 and W-1, W-2 and W-3 were not entitled to it," Moorer said, referring to their basic allowance for quarters.

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DOD has established 324 military housing areas (MHA's) and 23 county cost groups for

the purpose of VHA payments. Each of these areas has assigned five different sets of VHA multipliers based on a soldier's pay grade. The variable allowance is nontaxable and will be paid on a daily rate basis. This means that VHA money received each month will vary with the number of days in the month.

For example, a PFC assigned to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area has been assigned a VHA multiplier of .65. To determine the PFC's VHA entitlement, the regular

BAQ entitlement of an E-3 (in this case, an E-3 with dependents; \$179.70) would be multiplied by .65 to get the VHA amount to be added to the regular BAQ entitlement (\$116.80). So, an E-3 with dependents would receive a total housing allowance of about \$296.50 each month. Again, this figure will vary with the number of days in the month.

Here are some VHA index tables for some of the major army posts and activities in CONUS:

MHA	E-1 to E-3	E-4 to E-6	E-7 to E-9	O-1 to O-3 & W-1 to W-3	O-4 to O-10 & W-4
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.	.30	.20	.15	.05	.15
Fort Detrick, Md.	.55	.40	.30	.15	.20
Fort Ritchie, Md.	.35	.25	.25	.10	.05
Fort G. C. Meade, Md.	.55	.45	.50	.25	.25
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.	.20	.10	.10	.00	.00
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Fort Dix, N.J.	.25	.15	.25	.15	.25
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Fort Rucker, Ala.	.25	.10	.20	.05	.15
Huntsville, Ala.	.20	.10	.20	.00	.05
Fort Huachuca, Ariz.	.25	.15	.20	.10	.10
San Francisco	.50	.35	.50	.30	.40
Monterey, Calif.	.65	.50	.55	.40	.50
Colorado Springs, Colo.	.30	.30	.40	.10	.10
Washington, D.C. Metro Area	.65	.50	.55	.40	.50
Atlanta	.45	.30	.25	.15	.15
Fort Gordan, Ga.	.30	.20	.20	.05	.10
Fort Benning, Ga.	.15	.10	.10	.00	.00
Fort Stewart, Ga.	.35	.25	.15	.05	.05
Indianapolis/Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.	.30	.20	.15	.10	.15
Fort Riley, Kan.	.20	.10	.10	.05	.05
Fort Leavenworth, Kan.	.30	.20	.20	.05	.10
Fort Campbell, Ky.	.25	.15	.20	.00	.00
Fort Knox, Ky.	.20	.10	.15	.05	.00
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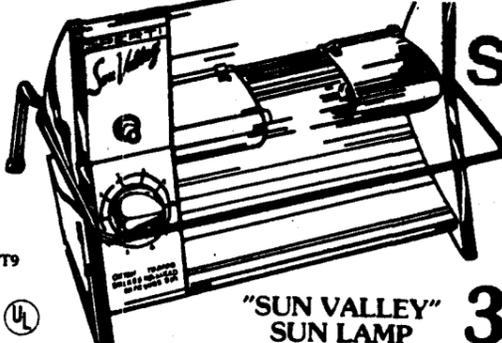
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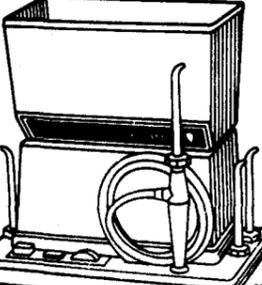
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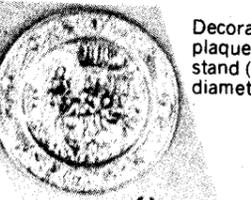
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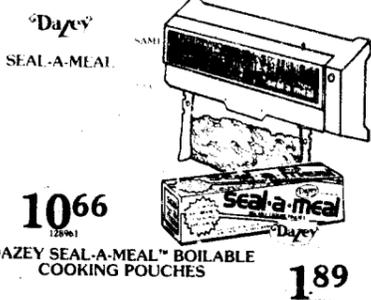
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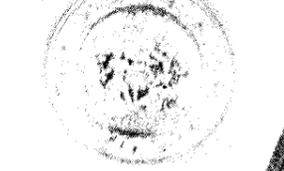
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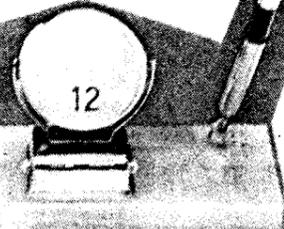
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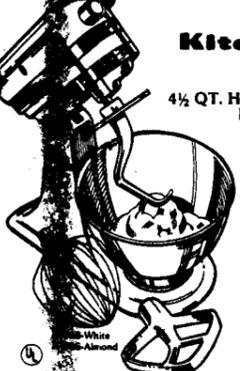
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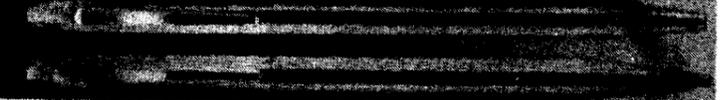


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Absentee voter survey slated

WASHINGTON — More than 17,000 military personnel worldwide and 2,500 federally employed U.S. civilians overseas will be asked to take part in a 1980 post-election voting survey. Questionnaires will be sent out shortly after the Nov. 4 general election, according to federal voting assistance program (FVAP) officials.

The survey is to find out how effective absentee voting procedures are. These procedures make it possible for more than three million people who serve their country away from home to vote absentee.

The people chosen to take part in this survey will be selected by a random process, say FVAP officials. In addition, 1,600 voting assistance officers will be surveyed with a different questionnaire. They will be asked about their experiences in counseling military personnel, their spouses and other U.S. citizens.

The responses of the voting assistance officers will help the FVAP staff prepare the next voting assistance guide, posters and

other information to better serve the military community.

Information gathered from the absentee voter survey will be used to prepare a report to the President and Congress, giving the status of the federal absentee voting program and making recommendations for improvements.

Individuals receiving the survey are encouraged by FVAP officials to use the remarks section for any thoughts they may have about improving the absentee voting program.

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Citizens who are not selected to take part in the survey but who have comments about absentee voting are invited to write to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Room 1B-457, Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20301.



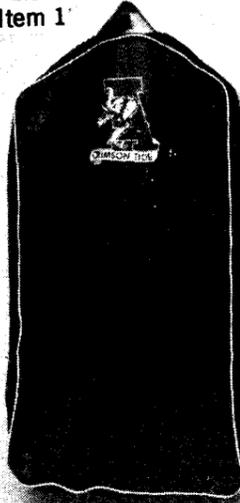
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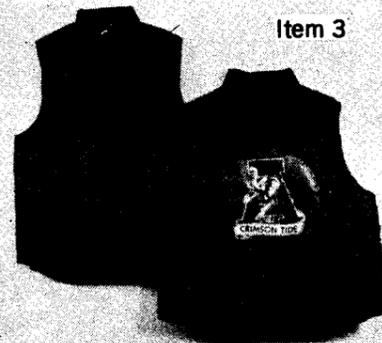
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PT test

(From front page)

He acknowledges that the new test may be difficult for women accustomed to doing pushups with their legs bent. They'll have to keep their legs straight like the men. "They'll just have to work on it," he said.

First Lt. Amanda Del Villan Clark, training officer for special troops battalion, agrees. "It will be harder for them because they'll have to develop themselves to do the pushup," she said. "I've seen women try to do them and few can do them."

Female soldiers will be doing bent-leg situps with their hands behind the head and someone holding their feet. Under the old test, they kept their hands at their sides without anyone holding their feet down. Del Villan Clark said she thinks the new method will be easier.

Also, female soldiers will run two miles for time instead of a running in place test. The old test requires them to stand and run a maximum of 500 steps in place with no established time period. A step is each time the left foot hits.

"You get 100 points for 500 steps. No women got under that, so it really didn't test their endurance very well," Del Villan Clark said.

Capt. Russell Frutiger, who commands MICOM headquarters and headquarters company, said his company will probably take the new test for the first time in May. "The female PT test before was nothing compared to the men's test," he said. "The scores were consistently above 475."

A medical evaluation test is being developed before implementation of a program for soldiers over 40, Frazier said. Anyone over 40 will require a complete evaluation before a doctor OKs going on a six-month exercise

program. This will be followed by a two-mile run for time.

"I personally think an over 40 PT test is necessary," said Frazier. He added that he feels it's more important to stay in shape after 40 because people tend to become more inactive. "You're more subject as you get older to ill health and infirmities."

Before the new program, there was no physical training test for soldiers who reach 40. "In essence, we're saying everybody in the

Army regardless of age is going to take the PT test," Frazier said.

The program for soldiers over 40 is expected to start by mid to late 1981 with only a two-mile run for time. "They anticipate that the over 40 PT and the under 40 PT eventually will be the same," said Frazier. "I think they'll try it at least a year before going to anything else."

Frazier, 40, plays tennis, golf and racquetball but says he hates to run. "In order to run two miles, I'm going to have to set up a running program for myself."



Situps

Two HHC MICOM soldiers perform situps — Sp4 Dawn Lambert (foreground) and Sp5 Carolyn Hightower (rear)

MMCS uses three-event test

BY RAY ROWDEN

The new, three-event physical readiness test announced by the Army last week is not quite so new to more than 300 students at MMCS.

According to Capt. David Downing, School Brigade's training officer, his staff began administering the test to MMCS students Oct. 6. He added that recent guidance from the

Army's Training and Doctrine Command required all soldiers to pass the test before the completion of their advanced individual training (AIT).

Downing said the second day of a new student's inprocessing is now devoted to the test. The training staff is coordinating with the four student companies here to test the men and women who arrived before the new requirements took affect.

The new program is reportedly working quite well. Both men and women posted success rates better than 80 percent in the first month.

Indeed, 10 men have "maxed" the test with scores of 300. High scorers include Pvt. 2 John O'Brien of the 8th Student Company (100 pushups), Pvt. 1 Larry Haygood of the 4th Student Company (90 situps) and Rudy Sarnz (two miles in 11 minutes, 50 seconds).

One difference between the Army test and the one now conducted at MMCS was brought to light by the performance of the 4th Student Company's Pvt. 1 Sharon B. Washington. She rapped out 50 situps, 50 pushups and completed the two-mile run in 16 minutes, 45 seconds. Under the TRADOC scoring system she got 296 points and maxed pushups and situps.

However, under guidelines recently released by Army officials, she would have maxed the pushups and the run, but not the situps. Officials believe the differences will be ironed out soon, though.

New PT standards

WASHINGTON — In announcing the new Army physical readiness test (APRT) program getting underway now, DA training officials also released new scoring standards to be used.

Officials claim the standards are tougher than standards under the old physical training program.

The following tables will be used under the APRT. The first figure shown in each column is the minimum number needed to pass the test, while the second figure is the number needed to score the maximum 100 points in each event.

MEN UNDER 40

AGE	PUSHUPS	SITUPS	TWO-MILE RUN
17-25	40/68	40/69	17:55/13:05
26-30	38/66	38/67	18:30/13:40
31-35	33/61	36/65	19:10/14:20
36-39	32/60	34/63	19:35/15:05

WOMEN UNDER 40

AGE	PUSHUPS	SITUPS	TWO-MILE RUN
17-25	16/40	27/61	22:14/17:10
26-30	15/38	25/51	22:29/17:25
31-35	14/34	23/41	24:04/19:00
36-39	13/30	21/31	25:34/20:30

OVER-40 TWO-MILE RUN STANDARDS

Soldiers over 40 will be tested in the two-mile run only. These soldiers will be graded on a go/no go basis.

AGE	MEN	WOMEN
40-45	20 minutes	26 minutes
46-50	21 minutes	27 minutes
51-55	22 minutes	28 minutes
56-60	23 minutes	29 minutes

Soldiers must score at least 60 points in each event and 180 points total to pass the APRT. For those soldiers in basic training, at least 50 points

is needed in each event and a total of 160 points must be scored to pass the test. (ARNEWS).



Bama picked over Notre Dame

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Alabama's Crimson Tide takes on Notre Dame's Fighting Irish this weekend with the Irish still reeling from last week.

Bama gets the nod over the visitors in Birmingham who last week were tied by hapless Georgia Tech.

A rejuvenated Auburn takes on unbeaten, untied Georgia at Auburn. This picker says Georgia's Bulldogs will survive in a close one.

A 13-2 (plus one tie) record last week raised this picker's slate to 76-24 (plus two ties) for his weekly college football guesses.

Here's another try at forecasting selected major college games Saturday:

Notre Dame at Ala. — Bama by 7
 Georgia at Auburn — Georgia by 3
 Ole Miss at Tenn. — Tenn. by 7
 Washington at Southern Cal — USC by 14
 Louisiana St. at Miss. St. — Miss. St. by 3
 Fla. at Ky. — Fla. by 7
 Missouri at Okla. — Okla. by 14
 Clemson at Maryland — Maryland by 14
 Miami (Fla.) at Vanderbilt — Miami by 21
 So. Meth U. at Texas Tech — SMU by 14
 Baylor at Rice — Baylor by 10
 UCLA at Ariz. St. — UCLA by 7
 Virginia at N.C. — N.C. by 21
 Tex. A&M at Arkansas — Arkansas by 7
 Tex. at Tex. Christian U. — Tex. by 21
 Pittsburgh at Army — Pitt. by 21
 Navy at Georgia Tech — Navy by 10

Basketball tryouts set

Arsenal sports officials are looking for experienced basketball players to try out for this year's post team.

Tryouts began Saturday and will be held again this Saturday and on Nov. 15 at the post gym. Tryouts start at 8 a.m.

Irv Lyles of the Sport Office said military students are welcome but he anticipates most players will be permanent party athletes because they are less likely to be reassigned in the middle of the season.

Marines climb to playoff berth

In developments that surprised almost everyone associated with company level flag football, the Marines moved out of the Western Conference cellar and into the championship tournament.

The surprises started on Nov. 3, the last night of regular season play. The sixth place Marines played the 7th Student Company (tied for fourth) to a 0-0 tie and in the resulting overtime beat the 7th with superior penetration.

Later that night, MEDDAC (tied for fourth) suffered a shutout to the 95th Service Company and the West ended the season with three teams boasting records of 4-12.

Playoffs were held Nov. 4-5. On election day, the 7th edged MEDDAC 12-11 and earned a rematch with the Marines. But the Devil Dogs were too tough and clinched their playoff birth with a 20-14 win.

Thus the tournament stage was finally set, and play began Monday. Although scores were not in at presstime, conference champions, Companies A and B were expected to win in the first round, downing the Marines and the 8th Student Company.

This writer expects to see the two regular season powerhouses in the tournament's final game. If that happens, it will be the third year in a row that this rivalry came all the way down to the wire.

HHC 1 takes tennis cup

Losing only one game in 25, HHC 1 won the Commander's Cup in unit tennis competition.

The winner was decided in a month-long double elimination tournament involving 15 teams.

Each contest consisted of five matches — three singles and two doubles using sudden death tie breakers.

MMCS Company B took second place and HHC 2 placed third.



Members of the first place team included Dick Cumming (captain), Ed Voelker, William Reeves, Frank Turnbow, Mike Jones, Woody DeLeuil and Sid Roberts.

Flag statistics

EAST		W	L
Co. A		13	1
515th Ord. Co.		9	5
4th S.C.		7	6
8th S.C.		6	7
WEST		W	L
Co. B		16	0
95th SVC		11	5
HHC		10	6
Marines		4	12
7th S.C.		4	12
MEDDAC		4	12

OWC golf winners

Awards were presented last week to winners of OWC golf competition. Championship flight winners were Pat Jackson, Marian Depensmith and June Young.

Mary Parker, Mary Anderson and Goldie Holt won the first flight. Others winners were, second flight, Mary Clapper, Ivy Pencola and Maggie Bennett and, third flight, Edna Hodges, Margaret McBrearty and Dot Baasen.

Pat Jackson had low gross and Mary Parker had low net.

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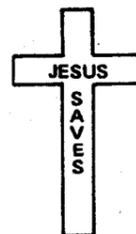
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Army engineer invited to Greece

Dr. David C. Sayles, a chemical engineer at the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Advanced Technology Center in Research Park, was invited to speak at a "celebration day program" for the Greek Air Force on Nov. 8.

Sayles traveled to Athens at the invitation and expense of the Ministry of the Greek Armed Forces to address a military audience

on the "Projected Changes in the Engineer's Lifestyle within the Coming Decade."

Sayles' invitation to participate in the Greek program came after he prepared a paper on Wernher von Braun, a pioneer of both the Army and NASA rocket programs, for the Hellenic Astronautical Society earlier this year. The Army chemist worked with von Braun during the late 1950s.

Sayles has worked in the Advanced Technology Center's Missile Directorate on the development of propulsion and chemical systems since 1970. During his 25 years of government service, he has made more than 180 patent disclosures, more than any other employee in the Army technical community in Huntsville.

Huachuca receives conservation award

WASHINGTON — Fort Huachuca, Ariz., has won the 1979 Secretary of Defense Natural Resources Conservation Award, according to Department of Defense officials.

The award is given to a military post in the U.S. which makes the most progress, using natural resource conservation rules, in improving areas within and surrounding the post. Also, the DOD program places emphasis on improved use of military land in meeting the recreational needs of servicemembers and their families. (ARNEWS).

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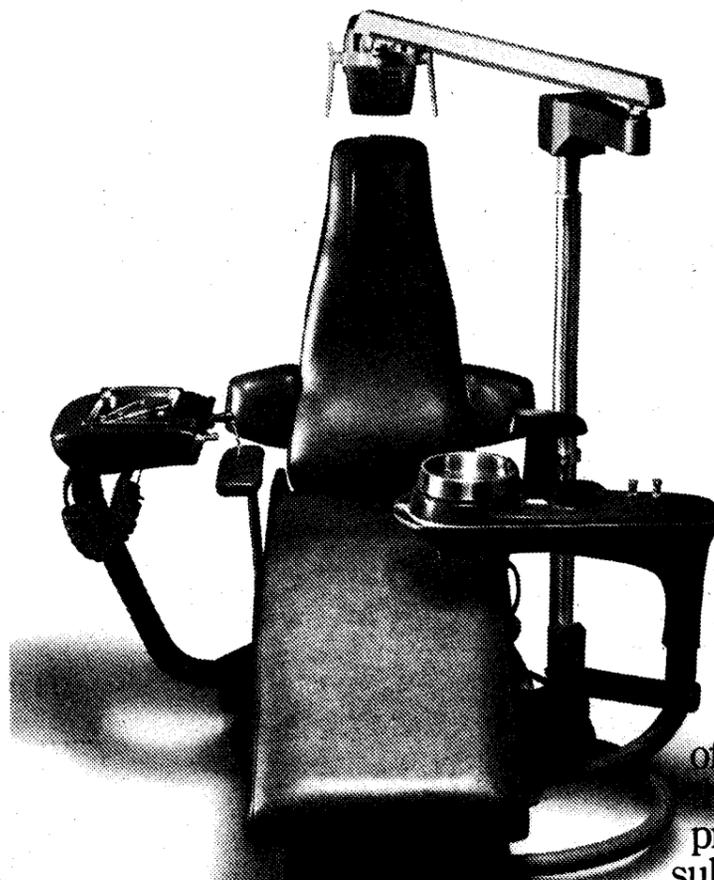
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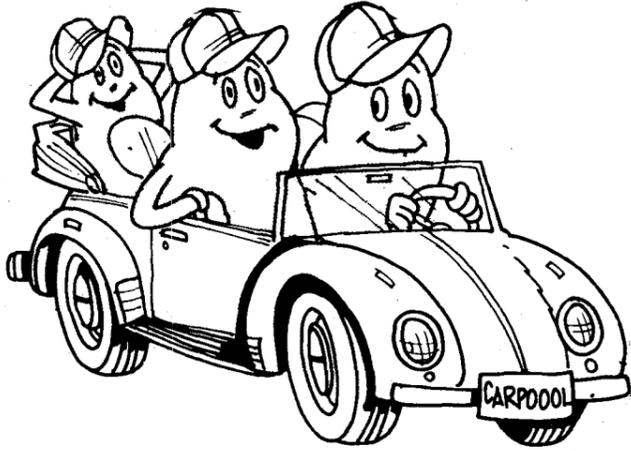
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Announcements

Separation orientation

All officer and enlisted personnel due for REFRAD or separation within the next 90 days are scheduled for a separation orientation Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. in building 3495 (Toftoy Hall) auditorium. Items for discussion are veterans benefits, employment opportunities, out-processing and final pay. A film will be shown. For more information call the Transfer Point 876-1671.

Greek pastry sale

Ladies of the Greek Orthodox Community are holding a holiday pastry sale of baklava and tiropitakia. Items should be ordered by Nov. 14. To place an order or for more information call 859-1536 or 883-0886. Orders will be available for pickup on Nov. 22 at the Greek Orthodox Church on University Drive.

Bloodmobile

Here's the Bloodmobile schedule for the rest of November: Nov. 12 - Bldg. 3209, 1-until. Nov. 13 - Thiokol 8-12. Nov. 14, Bldg. 4488, 8-1. Nov. 19 - Bldg. 3711, 9-12. Nov. 21 - Bldg. 5681, 8-12; Bldg. 8027, 8-11:30. Nov. 24 - Bldg. 4566, 8-1. Nov. 26 - Bldg. 4505, 8-1.

Candle-making classes

The Multi Craft Center will hold candle making classes for military personnel and dependents in Bldg. 3466 on Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m. and on Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. Cost of materials will be approximately \$10. For more information call the Multi Craft Center at 881-5841.

Preretirement orientation

A preretirement orientation for military personnel retiring in November and December will be held Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in building 3495 (Toftoy Hall) auditorium. A film will be shown. For more information call the Retired Services Office 876-2022.

Redstone Riders set meeting, trip

The Redstone Riders motorcycle club membership meeting to be held Saturday, Nov. 15, will include nomination of officers. All members are urged to attend. Beverages will be free. Immediately after the meeting is departure time for an overnight camping trip to Atlanta to visit Six Flags and the A.M.A. district 9 meeting. The Redstone Riders meet at their clubhouse, arsenal building 8009.

New hours at PX gas station

For customer convenience the PX service station has established new hours for gasoline sales: Monday 9-3:30, Tuesday-Friday 9-5:30, Saturday 9-3, Sunday closed. Pumps may close earlier in cases where the daily gasoline allocation is exceeded before posted closing time.

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Skeet and trap ranges are located at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 5127. They are available for use by personnel authorized to hunt on the arsenal; active and retired military, their dependents and their guests; U.S. civil service employees, contractor employees authorized admittance to the arsenal (vehicle bumper stickers and personal identification badge) and accompanied dependents.

OER Briefing

Maj. Hunt, MILPERCEN, will brief all officers, and those civilian employees who rate officers, on the progress made with the new rating system. Two briefings are scheduled on 13 Nov. 10 a.m., Conference Room (A115), Bldg 5250, and 1 p.m., Officers Club. All officers should attend this briefing.

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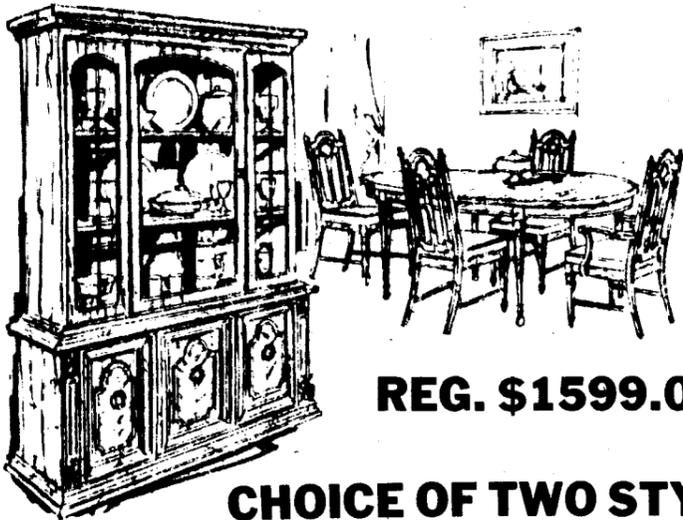
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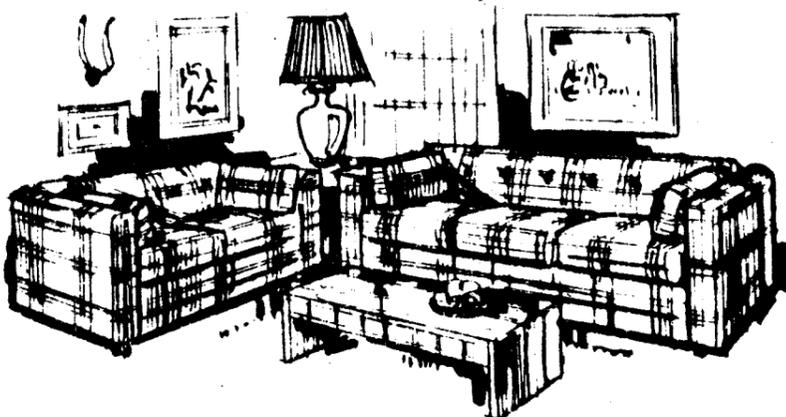
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