

# The Redstone Rocket

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## Driving-under-influence campaign under way

BY SKIP VAUGHN

With the arrival of holiday season, more attention is being focused on the driving-under-the-influence problem.

The Department of Army says the week of Dec. 12-18 has been proclaimed "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week." This campaign's theme is "Christmas is special. Don't spoil it."

Penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants are severe. Not only can driving under the influence result in a stiff fine or jail time, but in serious injury or death.

"Those of us who have seen the effects of those who've attempted to drive while intoxicated in terms of serious traffic accidents and injuries, take serious our pledge to keep the arsenal roads safe by keeping intoxicated drivers off the roadway," said Capt. Larry Forster, deputy provost marshal.

Armywide statistics show the problem gets worse each year. Privately-owned vehicle accidents Armywide increased 13 percent in the first nine months of 1981 over the same period in 1980. Fatalities increased 21 percent, injuries rose 8 percent and injury costs (hospitalization, lost work time, etc.) jumped 13 percent.

The most frequent causes of these accidents were identified as driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding, loss of control, drowsiness or falling asleep, or a combination of all these factors.

"Nationwide, there is a consensus that the intoxicated driver must be removed from the highway and that movement has received a lot of impetus from organizations like MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) and RID (Remove Intoxicated Drivers)," said Dian Avery, a safety specialist in MICOM's safety office.

"When we say 'intoxicated' that includes drugs, and alcohol is a drug," she added. "You really can't separate them but people don't often think of alcohol as being a drug."

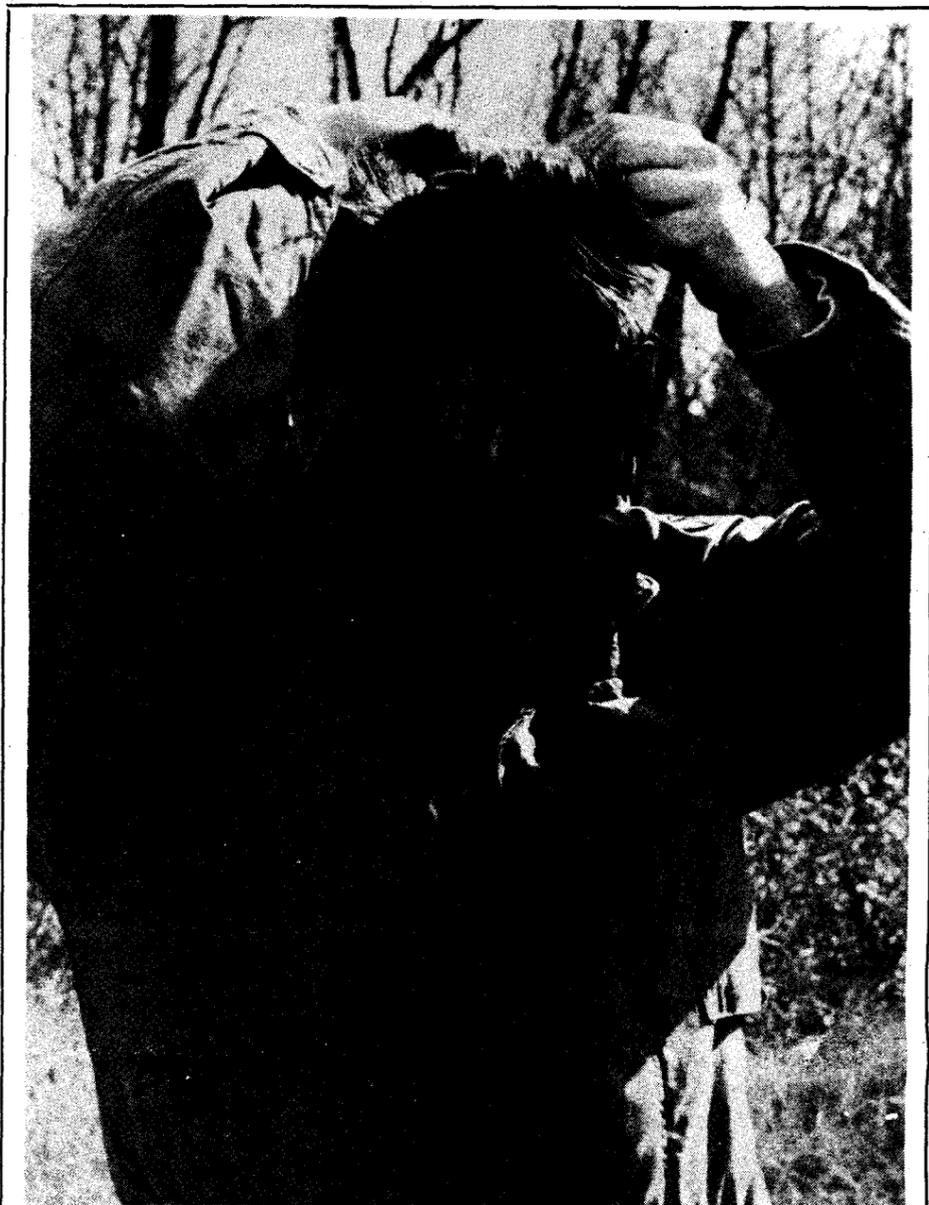
The safety reason for not driving under the influence is that reflexes, reactions and decision making "are slowed or greatly affected and it results in physical or mental impairment," Avery said.

The legal reason is Alabama's tough DUI law. The law that became effective Aug. 22 has "very stiff" penalties, according to Capt. Joe Lampley, prosecutor in Redstone's staff judge advocate office.

First conviction can bring a \$200 to \$1,000 fine, up to one year in jail, or both. In addition, the court may revoke the person's driving privilege for six months.

Second conviction can result in a \$500 to \$2,500 fine, jail for 15 days to 11 months and 29 days, and loss of driving privilege for six months.

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Sp5 Raymond Glace adjusts the straps on his protective mask prior to entering the "gas chamber." The protective mask exercise was conducted at Shields Range, allowing soldiers to get training in marksmanship and NBC defense on the same day. See more photos on pages 8 and 9.

## Patriot project office gets computer link

At the push of a button, Patriot now has direct access to a computer program that gives the Huntsville-based project office timely and valuable data needed for managing the production and fielding of the Army's new air defense system.

Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard, Patriot project manager, activated the system last week, linking his office in Huntsville Research Park with the computer center of Raytheon Company, Patriot prime contractor, in Bedford, Mass.

The mini-computer and terminal make available vital information on contracts, proposals, flight test data, equipment and spares status, including key assemblies and major items, as well as financial statements.

Information is displayed on a small scope or, if needed, is available on a printout. What's more, computer files are updated daily.

Activation of this link is a major step in the development of an Information Resources Management System planned within the project office. When fully operational, IRMS will include a central data base, electronic mail service, interface with other computers and communication links to Patriot field offices in the United States and overseas.

IRMS is believed to be the first system to tie together both the prime contractor and supporting DARCOM agencies through the ARPANET computer network.

Plans also include adapting the systems to enable Patriot action officers to store as well as access data.

The system was developed by Patriot's Management and Information Systems Division, working closely with MICOM's Management Information Systems Directorate, and Raytheon.



Checking Patriot's computer terminal are Bunyard and Lucinda Springer

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# Opinion

## 'Are you a federal employee?' asks Blue Cross

BY DAVE HARRIS

I spent the weekend trying to talk with Blue Cross. I never did. I decided that Blue Cross really doesn't want to talk with me.

Why should they start now? For 25 years I sent them my money and they took it without any conversation. Now and then they gave me some money back. They paid for two of my children and two of my kidney stones. Kids were a lot cheaper 20 years ago.

The cost of my health insurance jumped every year, but I stayed calm, secure in the knowledge that the Office of Personnel Management would talk to Blue Cross for me. OPM looks out for us federal employees. There are probably more of us in Blue Cross than any other outfit going. With that kind of clout, OPM just negotiates the hell out of Blue Cross.

The other day I read my latest fancy brochure from Blue Cross and realized OPM had negotiated them into such a tight that my monthly premium will now be more than 100 bucks.

"Let's talk it over!" Blue Cross said to me in that brochure.

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I called. Maybe others had better luck, but this is what happened to me nine times this weekend:

Blue Cross person: "Blue Cross Blue Shield Hotline for federal employees. Are you a federal employee?"

Me: "Yes."

Blue Cross person: "The lines are busy. Would you care to hold?"

Me: "Yes."

I held, and held and held. My personal best was Saturday morning, very early, as I waited for my hunting partner. I held for 15 minutes without hearing another sound.

My wife, persistent because she pays the bills, finally broke through to a second Blue Cross person

who gave her a second toll free number.

If you are out there holding a dead phone after calling the first toll free number, the next level in this game requires that you call 1-800-245-3181. There you find a Blue Cross person who speaks very fast because she is a recording. Her message is that everything you need to know is in the brochure available from your personnel office.

She even tells you what page in the brochure.

I had the brochure.

As recorded Blue Cross Person wound down she gave me another toll free number to call if I had questions. It was the same number I had called all weekend.

Blue Cross, I know you are out there somewhere.

Listen, Blue Cross, I am a federal employee and I'm trying to tell you something.

I have your message loud and clear and now I want you to have mine.

Blue Cross, are you there?

# Letter

## FTS complaint

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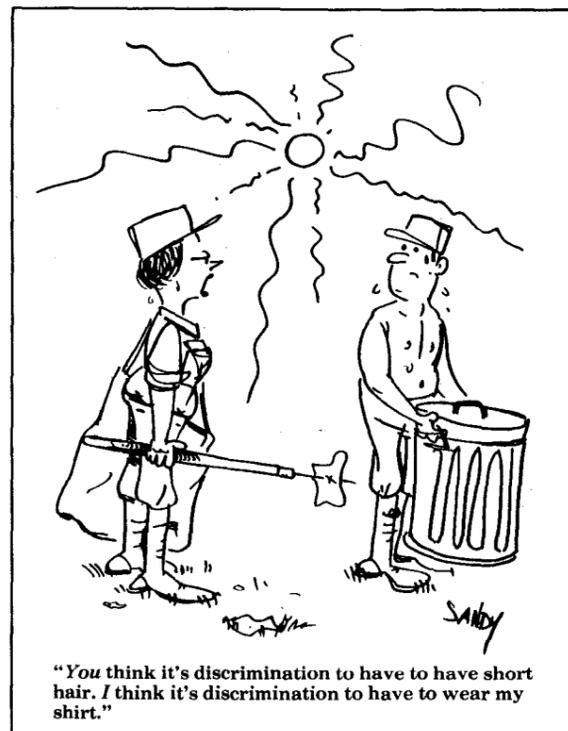
I would like to register a formal complaint on the part of all RSA employees who have tried and failed to complete an FTS phone call. Though I can only

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assume that others have suffered a similar fate, I must confess that I have spent outrageous amounts of time trying, as directed by arsenal operators, to complete a single call and failed.

I considered submitting the notion of scrapping FTS to our "Suggestion" Program. I could have cited thousands of man (women) hours wasted listening to busy signals and messages concerning reconsulting my directory. I could have cited TDY cost savings necessitated by poor communications. But I don't want money or recognition or to get turned down. I want results. The phone system on the arsenal has never been so bad. The Army can not and should not tolerate poor communication.

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# Winning soldiers prepare for trip to Hawaii

BY HARRY SARLES

Two Missile and Munitions Center and School soldiers are getting ready to spend a week in Hawaii, courtesy of the Training and Doctrine Command.

SSgt. John P. Brown Jr. and Sp4 Charles P. Nelms aren't going on an exotic TDY trip. They won their trip to Hawaii by being selected as the school's NCO and soldier of the year for 1982.

Each year TRADOC rewards soldiers and NCOs of the year from TRADOC activities with free trips. This year's trip includes round-trip transportation to Honolulu, a week at the Kale Hoa Military Hotel on Waikiki Beach and \$200 in cash. For soldiers and NCOs who are married the spouse's transportation and hotel costs are also paid.

Selection of the NCO and soldier of the year was made last summer. Brown was originally the alternate NCO of the year, but when the NCO who had won top honors left the service Brown became the NCO of the year.

Brown is the operations and training NCO for the

8th Student Company. Being NCO of the year sets the example for the troops that he works with.

"Whenever I've found a chance to compete for an NCO position I grab the chance," he explains. "I see it as a chance to test my own ability and to prove that I can perform under pressure.

"You lead by example," continues Brown. "I came in in the old Army when you had to want to soldier better than your contemporaries to get promoted."

According to Brown the most important traits for a successful NCO are to lead by example, to admit errors and to take steps to correct deficiencies.

"One of the finest preparations for a board like the NCO of the year Board is the experience gained in the 2nd Battalion as a platoon sergeant and operations and training NCO," says Brown. "You learn to handle many different problems, and new soldiers look to you to lead them in the correct manner."

Nelms is a Nike Radar Computer Technician and

is assigned to Company A. He has more than 5 years service, but had a four year break in service before returning to the Army in 1980.

Nelms joined the program at the urging of his section chief. He won the company soldier-of-the-month competition and just kept winning from there.

"The program for soldier of the year is good here," explains Nelms. "Anyone who wants to advance should try it."

Self-discipline is the biggest factor in being a good soldier, says Nelms. "A soldier who wants to move up should continue his education, use self discipline and work well with his fellow soldiers, especially the NCOs," he adds.

Both Nelms and Brown will be taking their trip to Hawaii in the next few weeks. They both went through many boards and spent hundreds of hours studying for the competition, but as Brown says, "The laudatory comments and benefits that come to the NCO and soldier of the year are well worth the effort."

## New emergency signals may look wrong, but aren't

Redstone Fire Chief Sam Taylor last Wednesday called the Corps of Engineers on a potential problem that was brought to his attention.

He said he was told that the traffic lights on Vincent Road were strung on the wrong side so that

people stopping would be blocking the exit from the new fire station.

"I was just told about that and I'm contacting the Corps of Engineers now," Taylor said. "I think it's going to be a problem but I think it's going to be taken care of.

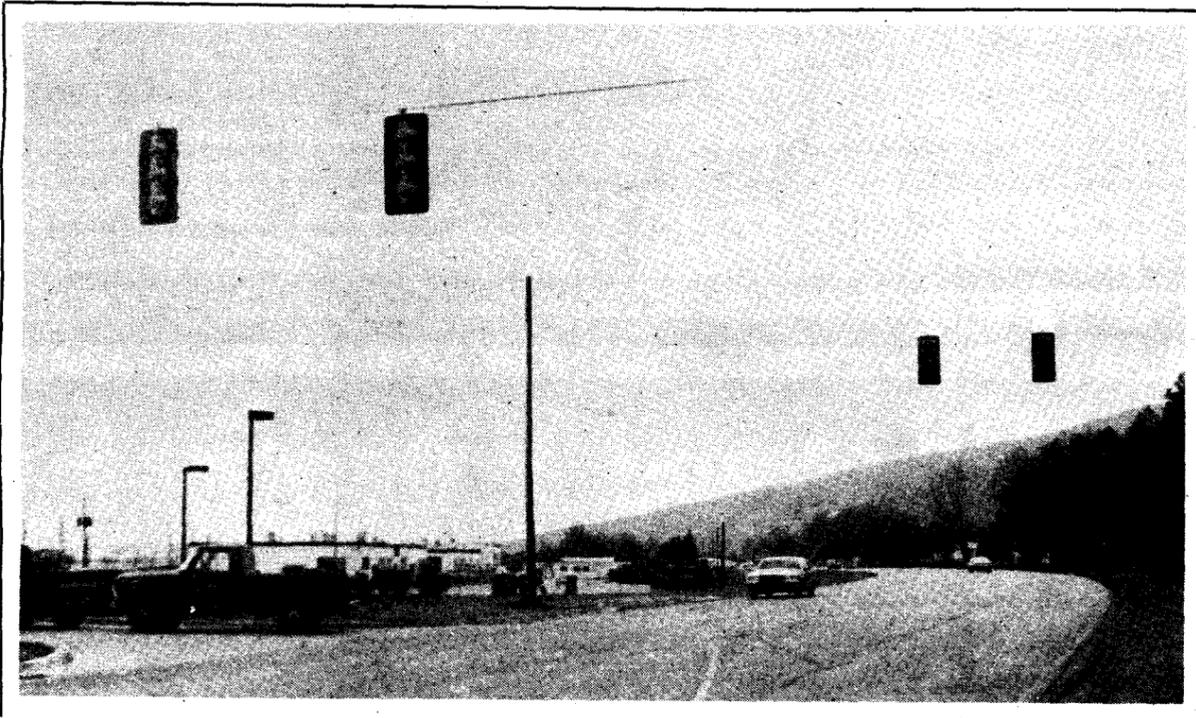
"We don't want a traffic problem on the arsenal," he added.

Later, he found out that it really wasn't a problem after all. The lights, he was told, will be green at all times except in cases of emergency. The lights would be turned red from inside the station so that the fire trucks could leave then they would turn green automatically.

"We will be able to come out the fire stations," Taylor said. "The lights are to stop the traffic before it gets to the station on both sides and that's what they were put there for."

He said stopped traffic won't be blocking the fire trucks because "the ones stopping will be approaching and we'll be turning right or left so no, they're not going to be blocking the intersection for us."

The same type lights are at the new fire station on Patton Road at Redstone Road.



Emergency lights in front of fire station on Vincent Road.

## Rape arrest made

A Miami, Fla. man was arrested by the FBI last week in connection with the reported rape of a Redstone Arsenal woman last Wednesday morning.

Arrested was Larry Walker, 27, a civilian who had been staying with a military family on post, officials said.

The investigation was a joint effort between Redstone's Criminal Investigation Detachment and the FBI who entered the case after it was determined the suspect was not in the military service.



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# Midshipmen have the big guns

BY SKIP VAUGHN

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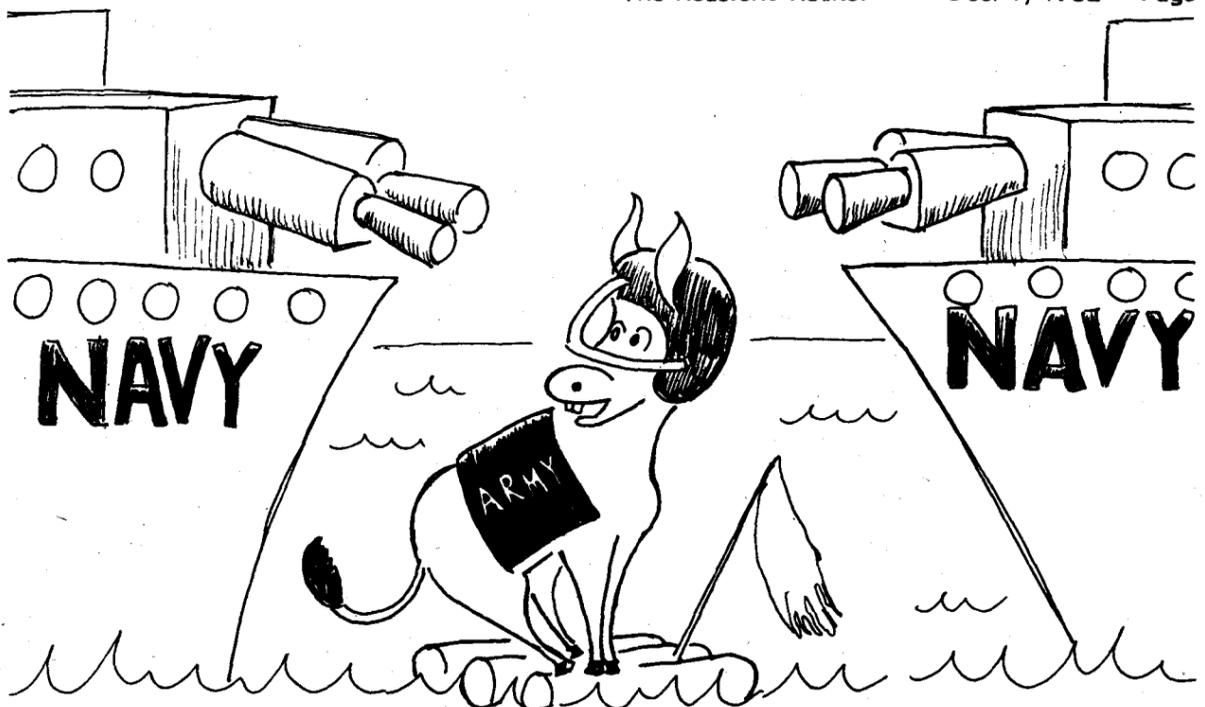
The Midshipmen this year hold a 5-5 record including wins over Virginia (20-16), Duke 27-21), William & Mary (39-3), The Citadel (28-3) and Syracuse (20-18).

They lost to powerhouse Arkansas (29-17), Boston College (31-0), Air Force 24-21), Notre Dame (27-10) and South Carolina (17-14).

The Cadets have a 4-6 record including wins over Lafayette (26-20), Harvard (17-13), Princeton (20-14) and Columbia (41-8).

Their losses came against Missouri (23-10), North Carolina (62-8), Rutgers (24-3), Boston College (32-17), Air Force (27-9) and Pittsburgh (24-6).

The two teams are evenly matched but Navy has done slightly better against tough opponents. The Midshipmen should have the big guns to blow Army right out the water so the pick here is . . . Navy.



Skip's Picks last week delivered an 11-5 record, making the totals for the year 257-81-9 for 76 percent. Here's this week's forecast of the remaining regular season games in upper level, college football:

Arkansas at Texas — Arkansas by 3.  
Army vs. Navy — Navy by 7.  
Florida at Florida State — Fla. by 7.  
Nebraska at Hawaii — Neb. by 21.

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WASHINGTON — A key change to Department of Defense postal regulations now allows military authorities to open and inspect overseas mail that might contain illegal drugs or merchandise.

An official of the Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA), which is a part of the Army Adjutant General's Office, said that a military search authorization can now be issued when there is "probable cause" for a search. In other words, the authorities must have good reason to believe that an overseas parcel or envelope contains contraband.

Before this ruling, military authorities could not open mail without a search warrant issued by a federal judge or magistrate.

The new security program is designed to stop the use of military mails by traffickers of drugs and black market items. Military authorities will be able to use detection dogs, metal detectors and other devices to screen the contents of overseas mail. These measures give the military of more effective means of curbing contraband traffic.

Under the new mail security program, military officials can also use "mail covers" a method of recording data printed on the outside of parcels and envelopes.

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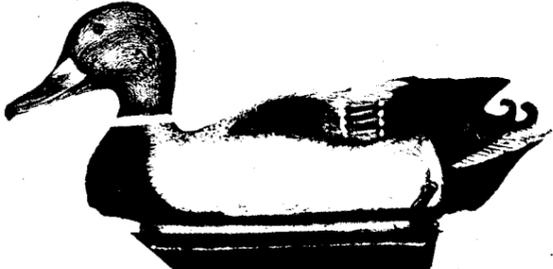
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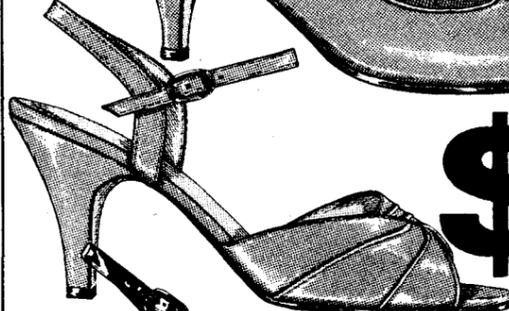
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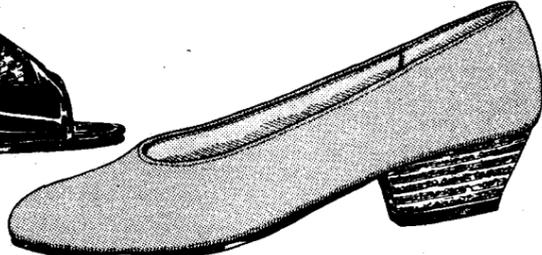
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# Pershing II test meets primary objectives

WASHINGTON — Analysis of the second Pershing II missile flight test confirmed that all primary test objectives were met although the shot "did not achieve the the desired accuracy", the Army said last week.

The statement given newsmen Nov. 23 on the Nov. 19 flight test at White Sands Missile Range, said:

"Post firing analysis of the second Pershing II missile flight test continued through the weekend. That analysis confirmed the quick look evaluation that all primary test objectives were met.

"The primary objectives of the second flight test were to demonstrate flight performance of the missile's first and second stage rocket motors and proper separation on the expended first and second stage rocket motors.

"The fact that all primary objectives were met demonstrates the soundness of the changes in rocket motor manufacturing and inspection procedures begun after the first missile flight test."

The first flight July 22 failed after 17 seconds because of a leak in the first stage rocket motor.

"One of the secondary objectives of the second flight test," the Army said, "was the actual maneuver of the terminally guided warhead in order to impact near a target.

"Telemetry data indicates that due to a loss of

hydraulic pressure, the re-entry vehicle did not maneuver and therefore did not achieve the desired accuracy.

"Other objectives were met when the missile's radar mapping terminal guidance system activated, functioned properly and survived re-entry stresses.

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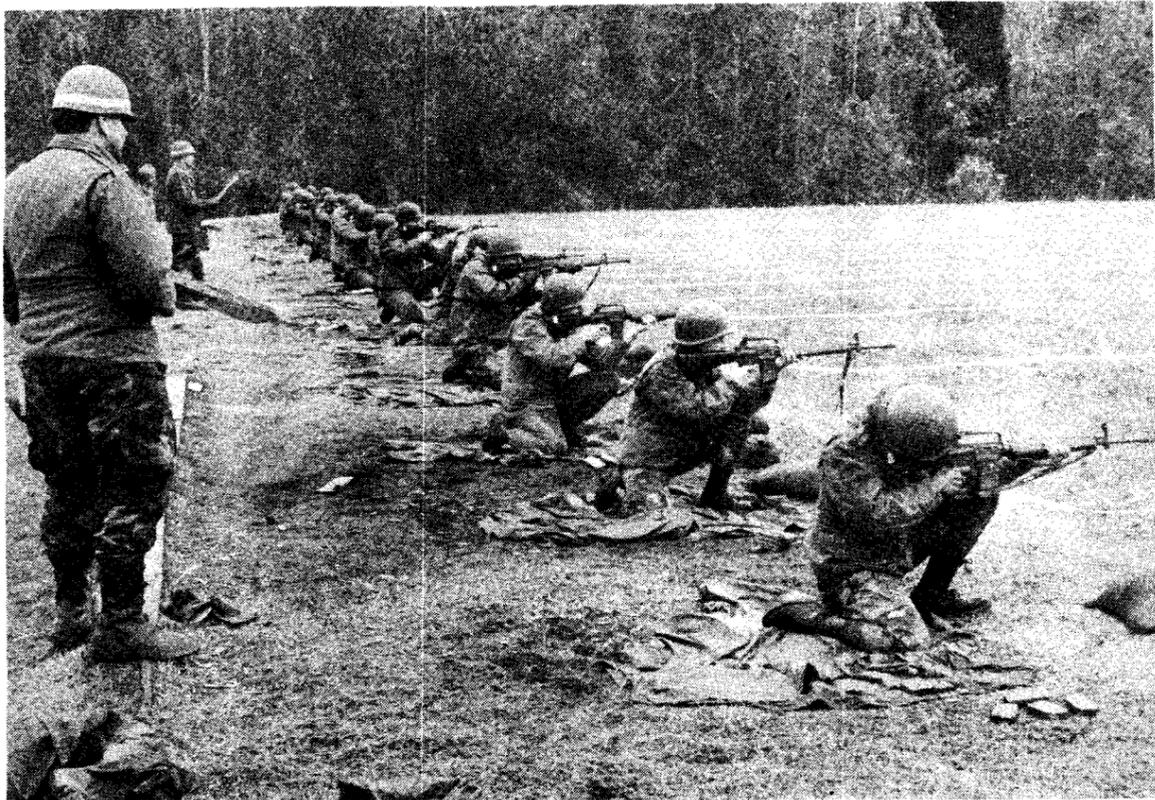
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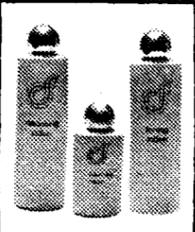
Soldiers fire from the kneeling position during weapons qualification at Shields Range. Twelve of the 42 rounds fired for qualification are fired from this position. (Photos by Harry Sarles)



SSgt. Larry Lain makes sight adjustments on his M-16 after checking his shots on the zero target. The adjustments were near perfect as Lain proceeded to hit 32 of 42 targets during qualification firing.

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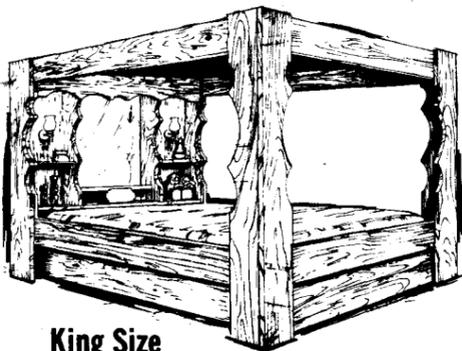
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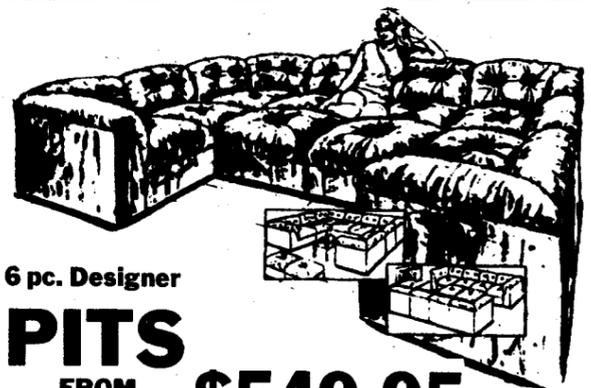
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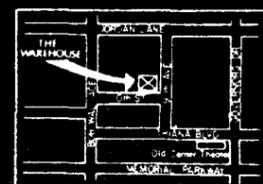
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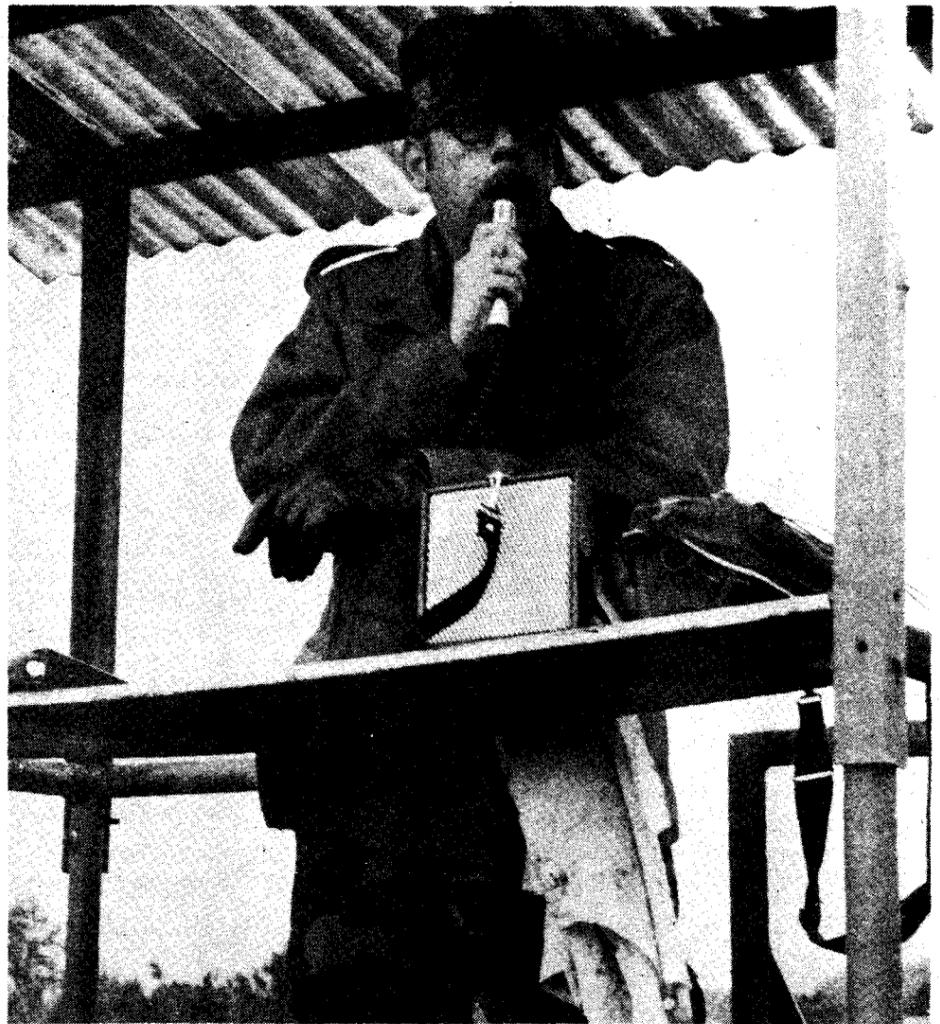
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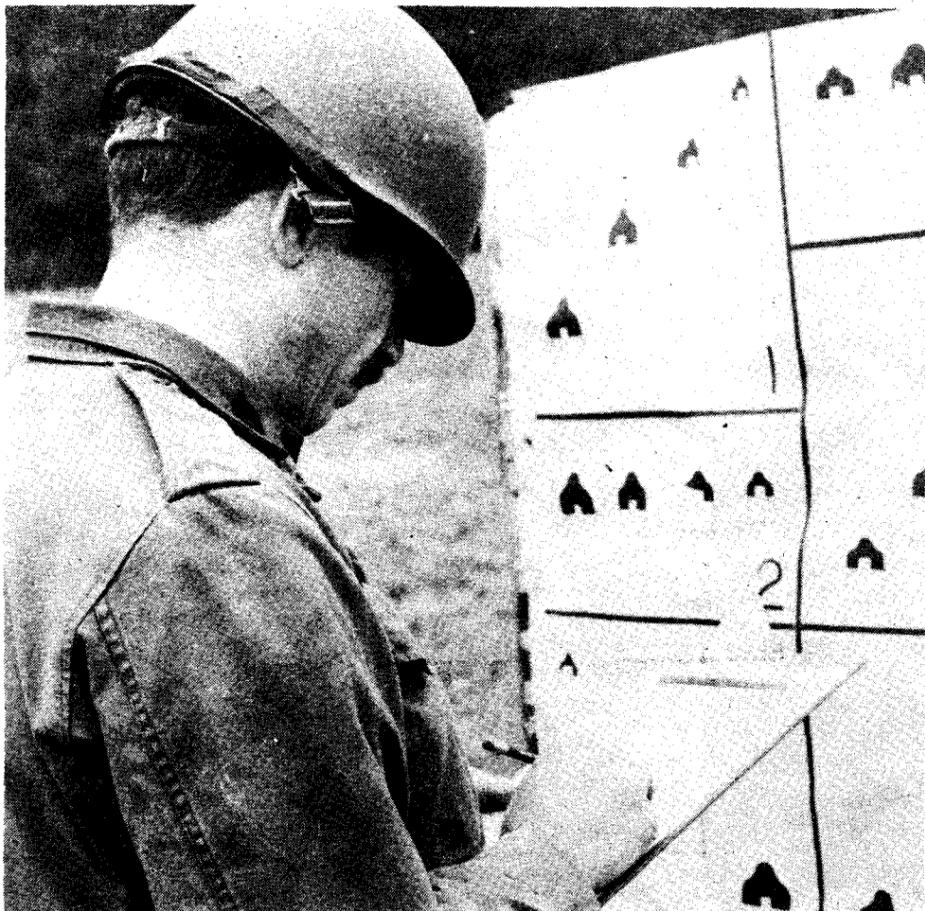
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SSgt. Charles Bean, Company A, gives instructions from the tower at Shields Range. Bean talks firers through each step to ensure that all soldiers have a maximum chance to qualify and to ensure that all safety procedures are followed.



SFC Peter Cox, Company A, scores a target after qualification is complete.



MMCS soldiers man 18 firing points on Shields Range during qualification. Soldiers fire from the prone supported position at the beginning of qualification firing.

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# MLRS training begins here

BY HARRY SARLES

Instructor and key personnel training on the Multiple Launch Rocket System has begun at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Student training is scheduled to start next February, and in preparation the Vought Corporation, prime contractor for MLRS, is teaching MMCS instructors the things that they will in turn teach to students.

According to Ken Carpenter, MLRS team chief, the instructor training in the systems area of the course will last six weeks. In that time instructors will cover the same material that students will have approximately 11 weeks to master.

"The basic electronics and hydraulics will be rough for the students to learn," said SSgt. James Krygowicz, a future MLRS instructor. "The system is simple to work on but understanding the theory is difficult."

Students will be trained in specialty 27M, MLRS repairer. According to a draft program of instruction the course will provide enlisted personnel with the skills and knowledge required to perform direct and general support maintenance on MLRS and associated test equipment.

The course is scheduled to be 18 weeks and one day in length. Approximately six weeks of that time is spent learning basic electronics and the remainder of the time on system peculiar training.

In addition to instructor training the MLRS team is also conducting technical manual verification course validation.

Technical manual verification requires repairers to follow procedures outlined in the technical manual for fixing the system. If a procedure works when it is verified. If not the procedure must be changed.

SSgt. David Ramey, another future MLRS instructor, is in charge of the team verifying the technical manuals. His team consists of graduates from the school's TOW/Dragon repairer course, MOS 27E. "They're a great group of soldiers with a lot of enthusiasm," said Ramey. "Now that they've been working on MLRS they all want this MOS."

Ramey's team has found several errors in the technical manuals. When an error is found either Ramey's crew figures out the problem or personnel from Vought corporation are called in to handle it.

"Once the technical manuals are corrected the system will be 150 percent better," claims Ramey.

Course validation is being conducted by MMCS course writers who must check to see that all tasks that are to be taught at the school are included in the program of instruction and that the instruction outlined is adequate for soldiers to be able to perform the task.

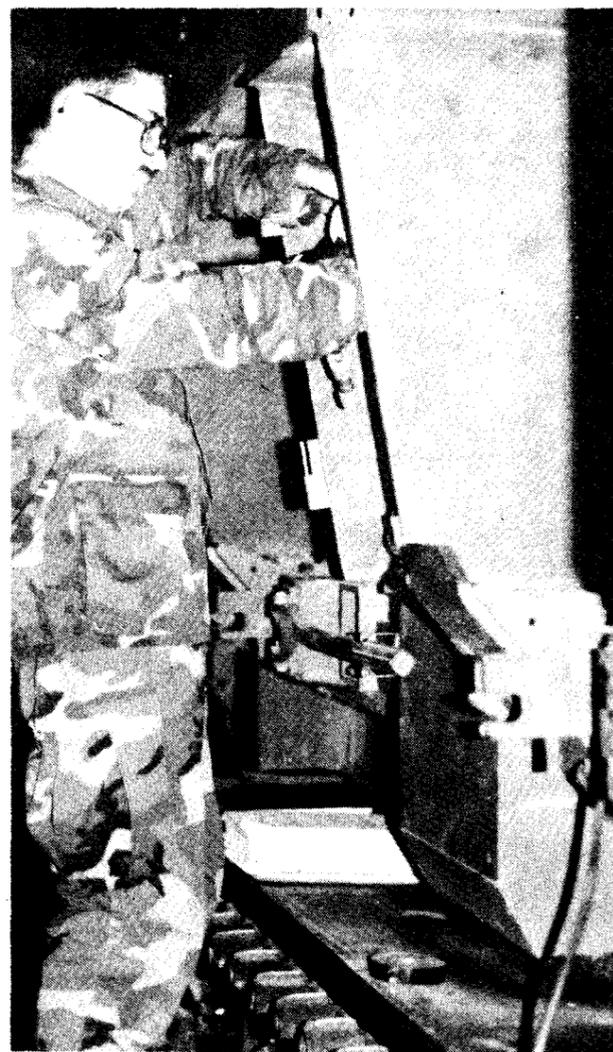
When student training does start the first group of students will be personnel who are presently Shillelagh repairers, MOS 27H. Not all Shillelagh repairers will be converted to MLRS, though.

Ramey, a former Shillelagh repairer, explains the choices that he had reclassifying from 27H.

"I had a choice of reenlisting for 27E, (TOW/Dragon repairer), 27B (Lance/Land Combat Support System repairer), or MLRS. I chose MLRS figuring that promotion possibilities would be better in the new MOS," he said.

Beginning with the second MLRS class the classes will consist of initial entry personnel and personnel retraining from other specialties.

The MLRS is a free-flight, area fire, artillery rocket system which has been developed to fill a void in conventional fire support. Its mission is primarily counterfire and suppression of enemy land defenses. It supplements cannon artillery by



Pvt. 2 Kermit Garrison works on the MLRS launcher. Garrison is working on technical manual validation for the system. (Photo by Harry Sarles)

delivering large volumes of firepower in a short time. The basic warhead carries improved conventional submunitions. In addition the MLRS will use a scatterable mine warhead developed by West Germany.

The rocket is launched from a self-propelled launcher which can launch 12 rockets in less than one minute. The system is completely self-contained and has re-load capability. Its normal crew is three soldiers, but one man could operate the system is necessary.

Carpenter and his instructors aren't the only MMCS personnel working on the system. Several soldiers who now hold MOS 27M, from the Directorate of Combat Developments, are supporting MLRS in Operational Test Three at White Sands, N.M. They received their training on MLRS at Vought Corporation in Dallas.

Instructors in the school's Directorate of Training & Doctrine are the final link in the development of training for MLRS. Before they were introduced to the system it was studied by training analysts from the Directorate of Training Development to see what had to be trained.

Once that decision was made the course development division of the same directorate developed documentation, lesson plans and handouts for the system.

Then, once the preparations were made, it was time for the instructors to get into the act.

Now, the instructors are undergoing training. Once their course is over they will have about a month to prepare for the beginning of student training on MLRS.



Future MLRS instructors work on the system during instructor and key personnel training at MMCS. SSgt. James R. Krezinski (left), SSgt. Joward K.

Flakes (t-shirt) and Sp5 Danial Adams work on the launcher drive as SSgt. Bryan Harris from Fort Riley, Kansas, observes.

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"The judge has in fact sent people to jail who have been caught DUI while on Redstone Arsenal," the prosecutor said. "People should know if they get caught out here, it's conceivable that they could land in jail."

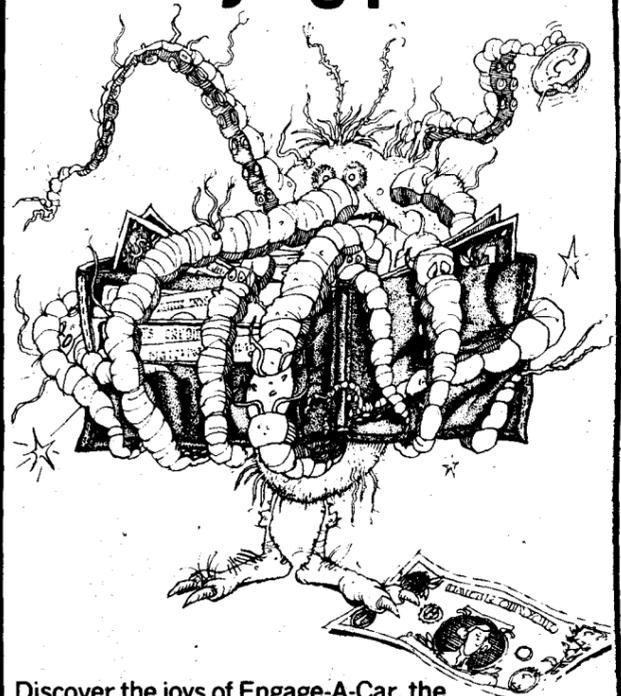
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# AER takes care of Army people in need

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The wife of an injured soldier needed money to travel to see him in a hospital. She turned to Army Emergency Relief for help.

The family of a retired servicemember was far behind in their bills. They turned to AER for help.

In the case of the injured soldier, AER provided his wife a grant for travel expense and living and maintenance expenses during her stay. It provided the retiree family a grant for their mortgage and utility bill.

Army Emergency Relief is "a nonprofit organization for Army people who have emergency financial problems," explains Juanita Phillips, Redstone AER officer.

"As well as making emergency loans and grants, AER has an educational student loan and scholarship program available to dependent sons and daughters of military personnel, both active duty and retired," she says.

By regulation, emergency grants are given when it would cause undue hardship for the soldier to repay. The soldier in most cases can afford to repay a loan over a period of time.

Many times a soldier will say that he or she would rather repay a loan rather than take a grant, according to Phillips. "Most of them are grateful that they're a member of the Army Emergency Relief family whereby this assistance is available to them as a no interest loan," she says.

A common case is a young soldier who arrives at Redstone Arsenal without the money he or she needs to set up a household because post quarters are not available. This includes money for initial rent, a rent deposit, utility deposit and groceries.

"When a soldier gets here and he's faced with all these problems, that figure could total as much as \$700 in each case," Phillips says. "Maybe on top of that, he has car problems, an expensive motel bill and he's only got \$200 in his pocket.

"We can approve an initial rent loan to a soldier who falls in this category," she adds.

The soldier would first need to let his or her company commander know the problem and the commander would furnish an application for AER assistance. This Department of Army form 1103 requires the commanding officer's approval.

Other supporting documents the soldier has when he or she arrives at the AER office include the latest pay voucher and a landlord's statement on exact charges.

"At that point, a loan would be made to the soldier and a repayment plan would be established on the loan. They're interest-free loans," Phillips says.



Phillips

"We'd work out a repayment plan that would not cause him undue hardship. That's all done on a routine basis when the soldier arrives at our office."

AER, which comes under the Army Community Service here, also has its disposal an emergency food locker. This is used to help soldiers who need groceries but don't have the money until pay day.

They can receive free unrefrigerated items, suffi-

cient for meals. This includes canned meats, canned vegetables, soups, canned fruits, fruit juices, dried milk, and so on. If necessary, they can also receive disposable diapers.

Money for the emergency food locker comes from donations and from the morale support fund, Phillips says.

Each year, AER has a fund drive. The campaign here has been helped significantly the last two years by payroll deductions. The total raised in 1981 was \$18,815 and \$23,143 was collected in the record-setting 1982 campaign.

The highest amount contributed here before 1981 was \$7,700 in cash contributions.

Besides emergency assistance, the AER office here also provides financial counseling for soldiers. At least 40 people a month go to the office for counseling or assistance.

Army Emergency Relief was established in 1942 to provide emergency financial assistance for Army people beyond the scope of Red Cross. Now there are 123 AER sections at Army installations worldwide.

"It's necessary to meet the emergency financial needs that arise in the soldier's life," Phillips says.

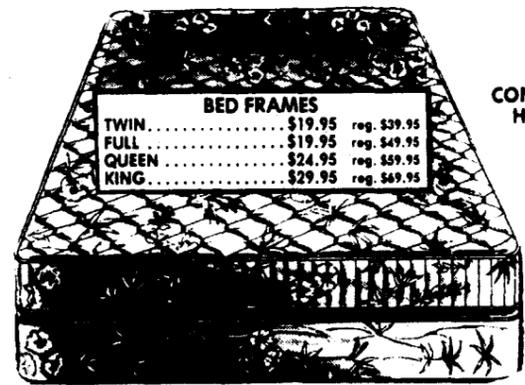
Also, "the Army income is too high to make most households eligible for other government programs such as food stamps and welfare so it makes an Army program more meaningful to the soldier."

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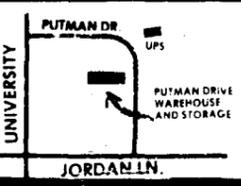
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# Announcements

## Burritt museum and park

A Candlelight Christmas Program will be presented at Huntsville's Burritt Museum and Park on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 3-9 p.m. Christmas decorations, entertainment and a special exhibit will be featured. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children 12 and under. The museum and park will remain open Dec. 7-10 from noon to 5 p.m. Special tours can be arranged. For more information, call Melinda Herzog 536-2882.

## MICOM Christmas party

The Annual MICOM Christmas Party will be held Friday, Dec. 10 in the Officers' Club ballroom. Social (cash bar) is set for 6:30-7:15 p.m., dinner 7:15-8:15 and dancing 9:15-midnight. "Ray Hanson and Company Band" will perform. Cost is \$12.60 per person. For more information, call the protocol office 876-7135.

## Bake sale

Army Community Service volunteers will hold a bake sale at the Post Exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4.

## NCO Wives

The NCO Wives Club will hold its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 11 at the NCO Club for members, their spouses and guests. Cocktails will be served at 7:30 p.m. and dinner at 8. Everyone is asked to bring a gift to be exchanged. Entertainment will be furnished by the band, Justice. Cancellation must be made by Dec. 9 by calling Dessie Johnson 837-1718 or Janice Mahone 837-6817.

## Spanish Mass

A Mass in Spanish will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Bicentennial Chapel. "This Mass is in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe," according to Staff Chaplain (Col.) Delbert Gremmels. Confessions in Spanish will be heard at 1 p.m.

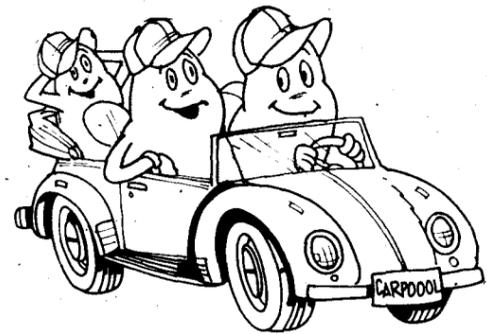
## Wine tasting

The Huntsville Chapter of Les Amis du Vin (Friends of Wine), an International Wine Society, will meet Dec. 6 at the Huntsville Hilton. The French Bordeaux wines of Premier Wine Merchants will be tasted at a program presented by Charles Yates from International Wines of Birmingham. Les Amis du Vin is an informal group that meets monthly to further their knowledge about wines. Reservations and more information may be obtained by calling 883-4150 or 883-1495 after 5 p.m. or on weekends.

## Youth orchestra

Huntsville Youth Orchestra will present a Christmas Concert Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at Huntsville High School auditorium. Admission is free for children and students through high school; others pay \$2. For more information call 534-7151.

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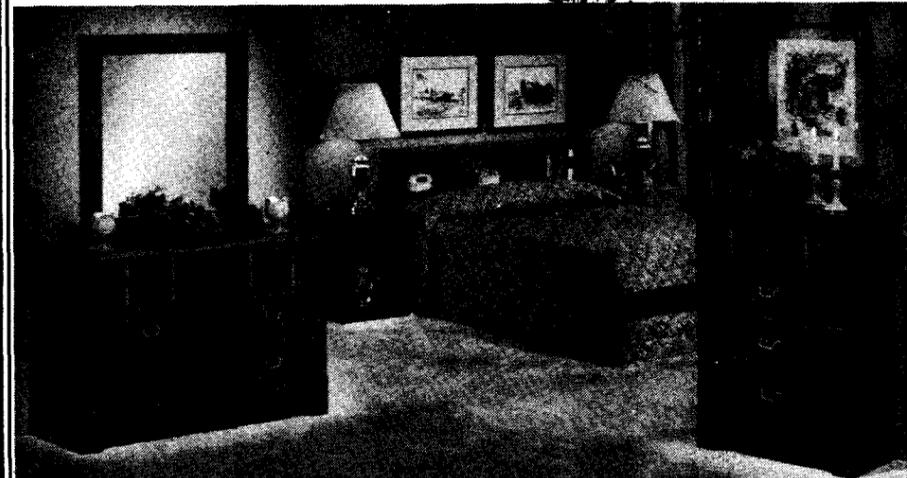
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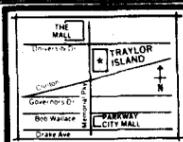
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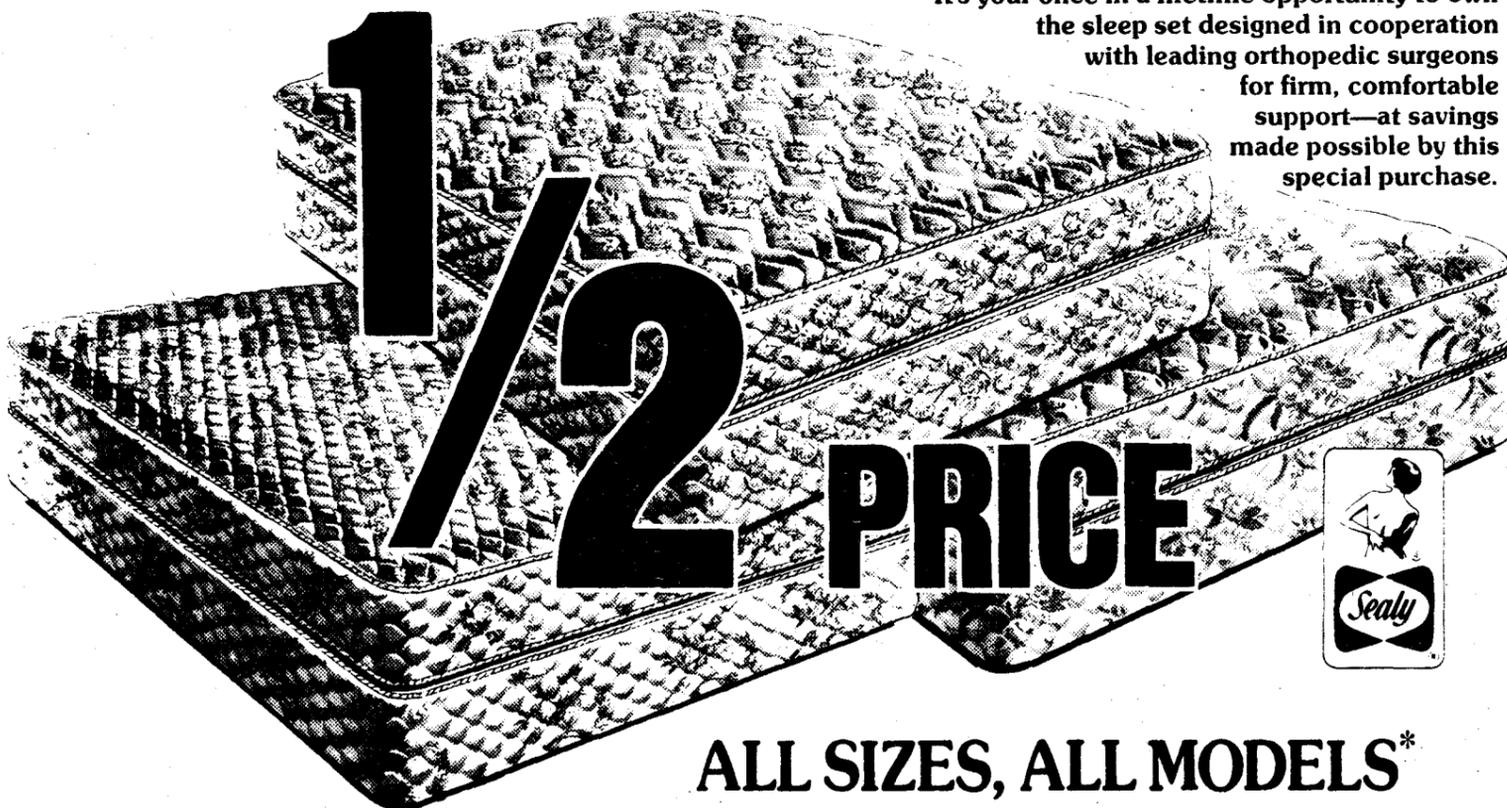
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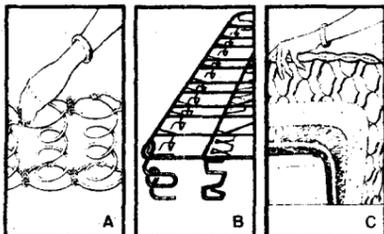
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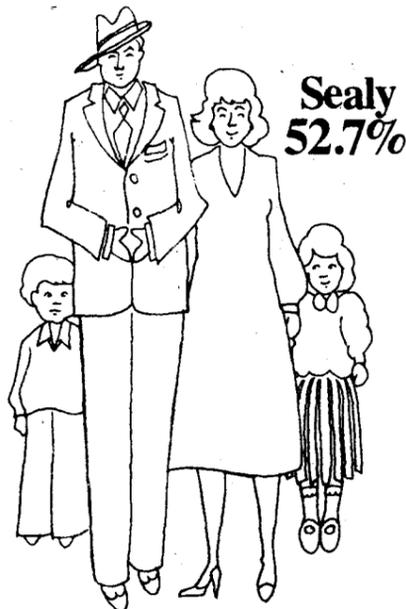
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