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Projects look for ways to purchase competitively

BY ED PETERS

Buying a missile system or major parts of it competitively can be very difficult and is not without risk, but project offices here are looking for ways to purchase from two or more sources and thus cash in on the savings that usually result from competition.

One project, Hellfire, awarded a competitive contract for nearly 6,000 missiles in March and predicts a first-year savings of more than \$20 million over the single-source cost of the weapons.

Elsewhere in the projects, officials are looking at ways to introduce limited or full competition into their acquisitions, and at the same time are weighing its potential benefits against such considerations as the cost of qualifying a second source and the risk of late deliveries if a new producer encounters production and quality problems.

At Stinger project, for example, "we have an independent, outside study looking at second-source competition on the missile from front to back, to see whether it would be cost-effective or not," said Col. Richard C. Dean, the project manager.

"It costs a lot to qualify a second source to compete with the prime," he observed, "and the savings must more than offset what it cost to get the guy to where he can compete."

Competing a missile system also makes the management job more difficult; another consideration is that a contractor responsible for final assembly may be reluctant to guarantee a product that contains components that he did not buy or make.

"But the biggest problem in any competition is the tech data package," Dean said. "Is it adequate for anyone other than the developer to manufacture an item that works and meets our quality standards? It's a tough thing to get all that is known (about building a missile) down on paper."

Dean's philosophy is, "If it's feasible to compete, at a cost savings, then it should be competed and we will do so."

Meanwhile, Stinger project already employs competitive buying for a number of items, including containers for the weapon and missile round, and for training devices such as the launch simulator, which was competed first in 1984 and then again this year. The 1985 price for the launch simulator is more than \$18,000 less per unit than the sole source price had been.

In the process of being competed is an upgraded moving target simulator that projects the earth, sky and aircraft on a screen for gunner training. The present version of the simulator costs nearly \$800,000 sole source.

"We've gone about as far as we can go with ground equipment — now we're looking at competing the missile itself," Dean said.

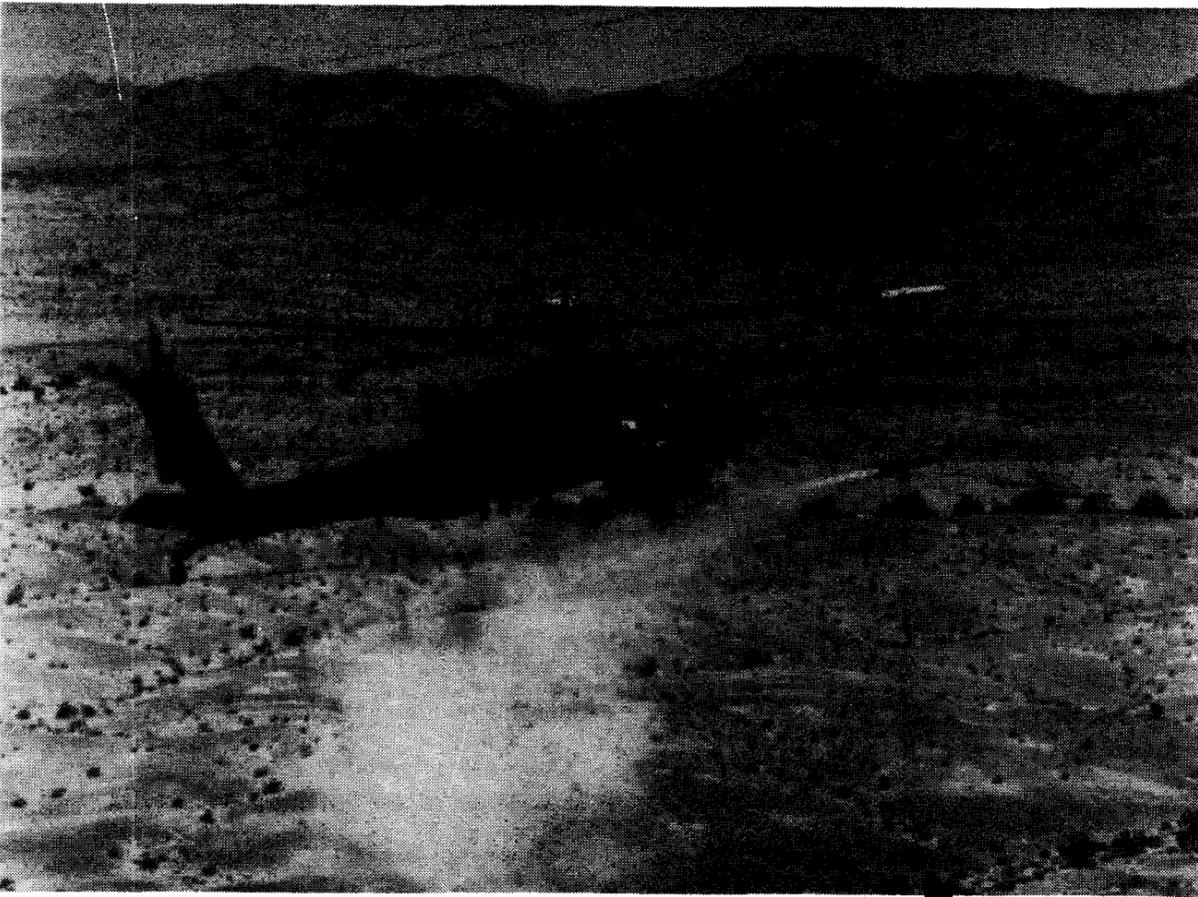
Patriot's approach

At Patriot project, officials are committed to introducing competition even though the complexity both of the missile and of its foreign sales agreements make Patriot quite difficult to compete.

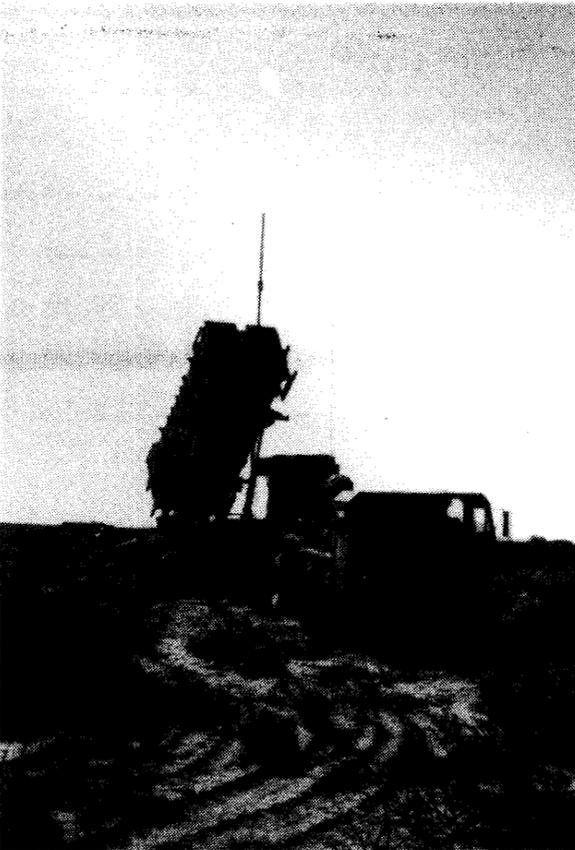
"Patriot's a very costly system. We spend about a billion dollars a year on it and that's a big portion of the MICOM budget. We're MICOM's biggest program and if we don't get competition then MICOM really hurts in meeting its goals," said Al Reeder, Patriot deputy project manager, explaining that Patriot must find ways to compete, however difficult.

As a start, shelters for three of Patriot's major components have been broken out from the prime contractor to a second source while technical data packages are being proven, with full competition planned in 1986.

Also planned in 1986 is break out of the launcher from the prime contractor to the actual manufacturer, along with break out of the motor and canister. Portions of the motor and all of the canister will be competed. Both the motor and canister are difficult



MISSILE COMPETED — The Hellfire missile was competed in a dual-source arrangement which will produce a first-year estimated savings of more than \$20 million over sole-source cost.



BUYING EXPERIMENT — Competition plans at Patriot project include an experiment in which the prime contractor will be retained to oversee competitive purchases.

cases since they are involved in "offset" agreements in which manufacturing responsibilities are shared with foreign sales customers.

At the urging of Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules, Patriot is going to experiment with a buying technique that involves breaking out and competing items of a type that heretofore were purchased strictly sole source because of their complexity and importance to the system.

Under this novel purchasing arrangement, Reeder



STINGER STUDY — A study is in progress to determine if it would be practical to set up a second-source purchasing arrangement for Stinger.

explained, "we take some of these complex items and break out and compete them and contract with Raytheon to provide the technical expertise to minimize risk, and we still get the benefits of cost-saving from competition."

"So some of the things that are not normally subjects for competition will be, or at least will be subjects for break out," he added.

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Eva Cathey

Editor:

The OMMCS Technical Library has had a loss of great value. The loss is not of a book, periodical, or manuscript, but of Mrs. Eva Cathey who for many years had directed and lead that resource operation.

Eva never operated from a "closed office." Actually she'd usually encourage, even insist, that you'd talk over some project, problem or idea with her. She was alive, conversational, assertive, and at times argumentative. But Eva Cathey was never dull.

I am deeply saddened by this sudden loss and I will, along with many others I expect, miss someone we had all become very accustomed to. Good-bye, Eva.

Guy McAllister
ETV Facility
OMMCS

Editor's note: Eva Mobley Cathey was killed in a two-vehicle collision Wednesday night, Sept. 4, at the intersection of Pulaski Pike and Cedar Point Drive, according to Huntsville police. She was 59.

Gratifying to know

Editor:

On Aug. 29 my car stalled near the intersection of Neal Road and Mills Road. I am no mechanic, so there I sat.

Four different men left the comfort of their air-conditioned vehicles to make some adjustments on my car and try unsuccessfully to start it. Several people stopped to offer aid; make a phone call, or transport me to a phone to make arrangements for tow-in service. One gentleman stopped to help, left to make a phone call for me, returned with reply and offered to wait with me until help arrived.

It is gratifying to know that in all the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, people still have time to help other people in distress.

Thanks gentlemen, you sure brightened my day!
Dot Brooks

Apartheid policy

Editor:

I want to express my feelings on a subject that is news everyday: morning and evening papers and television. But I have noticed that hardly anyone seems to care about it. All I know is what is mentioned in the news reports, but there seems to be something very wrong going on. I guess by living in the land of the free, home of the brave, where good chances at good

jobs and a good living exist, we have a tendency to take these things and more for granted.

I believe that if taken too lightly for too long, these things we can surely lose. So we adopt an attitude toward freedom, democracy, equality, human rights, Christianity, justice, self determination, opportunity and things like that. We even raise our children to believe in such things. We have established ourselves as a government composed of the people, by the people, for the people of the United States of America and I would stand alone or with anyone else who would fight for this country and its principles. I'm a natural born citizen and my opinion on the subject is based on beliefs I have had since I was a child. And that is America stands as an example to the world for right over wrong, liberty, humanism, equality, and opportunity. Obviously those are more than just words, for people by the thousands have fought and died in defense of their meaning to this country.

A nation is as strong as its people and its people are as strong as their beliefs and convictions. America has an image of its people, their beliefs, and integrity shown worldwide daily. The least we can do is protect our image and credibility as leader of the organized free nations, and show our strengths in our beliefs, and clear up our point of view as Americans on international issues.

The subject I'm speaking of is "Apartheid"—an official policy of the Republic of South Africa enforcing racial segregation and discrimination against blacks in their own country and maintaining white supremacy. The acts I speak of should be unAmerican and at least in inhuman and definitely unfair. On this issue America's lukewarm criticism of colonialism and "apartheid" is shocking and almost a sign of weakness. I don't believe Americans are in support of this type of government policy. I proudly say that "as an American I am not in support of such policies and something should be done to quickly change them." If you care let someone know. I do.

Shelby Langford
Missile Logistics Center

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"Sorry, sir. He only gets this way around high explosives, contraband and roast beef sandwiches!"

Projects

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Hellfire's success

Hellfire project is owner of MICOM's biggest competitive-buying success, but their dual-sourcing strategy works only under a specific set of conditions not always encountered in a missile procurement.

"You need to understand, the competition we have with Hellfire is not for everybody," said Hellfire procurement chief Jim Gattis, pointing out that unlike most missiles, Hellfire had two development contractors, both with enough knowledge of how to build the missile to allow the Army to compete them without the cost and trouble of having to "break in" a new contractor.

"We had two different primes, with each having about half of the missile, so only about half of the missile was new to each contractor," Gattis remarked.

Even in these favorable circumstances, the competitive procurement was not easy to arrange and "requires more effort to manage but it's nothing insurmountable."

"There was a tremendous amount of work on that dual-source thing, but it's doable," Gattis said.

Hellfire officials are now estimating that the production contract signed in March will save, in its first year, \$20.5 million over the sole-source cost of the missiles, with even greater savings possible in succeeding years, according to Bill Bailey, the project's financial officer.

It was Bailey's idea to introduce limited competition into Hellfire procurements by making the two contractors share their knowledge and then bid competitively to build the complete missile, with the low bidder getting most of the annual order and the other getting a much smaller share.

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Work being done on post gymnasium in troop area

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The post gym in the troop area has been getting a face-lift since August.

Besides routine maintenance, usually conducted annually, the gym is having its dressing area enlarged. Construction on the dressing area's new shower room, sauna and steam room is expected to be finished in December.

"I think overall it'll probably increase our participation some more because our steam room and the sauna are going to be larger," said Irv Lyles, troop sports director. He added that the renovations will also improve the gym's appearance.

An average of 350 people a day use the post gym although participation has slowed somewhat during the construction work.

The work is being done by Southerland Construction Company of Baileyton, Ala., under a \$90,720 minor construction contract. "Minor construction projects under \$200,000 can be approved locally by the commanding general and then they're implemented by Facility Engineers," said Joe Hopkins, physical activities coordinator in Morale Support Activities.

Annual maintenance in the post gym includes renovating the basketball court and the six racquetball courts. The basketball court was expected to be finished this week and the racquetball courts were also expected to be finished soon, according to Lyles. Workmen at the site said Herron Paint and Decorating Company of Toney, Ala., is doing the maintenance work.

In a separate project a new running track is being constructed near the post gym. The \$126,083 construction project is scheduled to be finished Oct. 2, weather permitting. "That'll have a resilient surface and it'll meet all American Track Federation requirements," Hopkins said.

The post gym includes a basketball court (a main court with short cross courts), six racquetball courts, an exercise room with mats, and two weight rooms (one with hydraulic exercise machines). Outside the gym are four lighted tennis courts. Four other lighted tennis courts are located elsewhere (two on Goss Road and two near the old officers club). The gym issues basketballs, racquetball and tennis equipment, towels, and tennis shoes.

"We have intramural (troop) teams play in softball, basketball, volleyball and flag football," said Lyles, the sports director. "And then we outfit all of our teams in intramural play with uniforms and all the necessary equipment to play in the various sports."

Those eligible to use the gym include active duty



CONSTRUCTION SITE — Troop Sports Director Irv Lyles watches construction work in the dressing area of the post gym.

military and their family members, retired military and their family members, and National Guard and Reserve while on active duty. Other people can use the gym as guests of authorized users, according to Lyles. The gym opened in 1973, suffered heavy tornado damage in 1974, then reopened in late 1975.

Gym hours in the summer are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon-

day through Friday. Winter hours, that go into effect Sept. 15, are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gym is also open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and holidays.

"Increase in the use of the gym here supported the fact we needed larger space," Lyles said, referring to the dressing room construction.

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Program tries to prevent noise-induced hearing loss

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Redstone's hearing conservation program has been commended for its testing and record-keeping efforts.

The program here is part of an Army-wide effort to prevent hearing loss in the Army's civilian and military people who are exposed to loud noise at work.

"The first step is to survey the work environment," said Dr. Irene Roan, chief of preventive medicine and occupational health. "Our industrial hygiene personnel have surveyed the work areas to measure noise levels."

When an industrial hygienist finds a reading more than 85 decibels, that area is considered to be noise hazardous. Certain pieces of equipment, such as types of generators and drills, are known to be noise hazardous, for example. A supervisor in such an area would post a warning sign, a standard yellow and black message, to alert the workers.

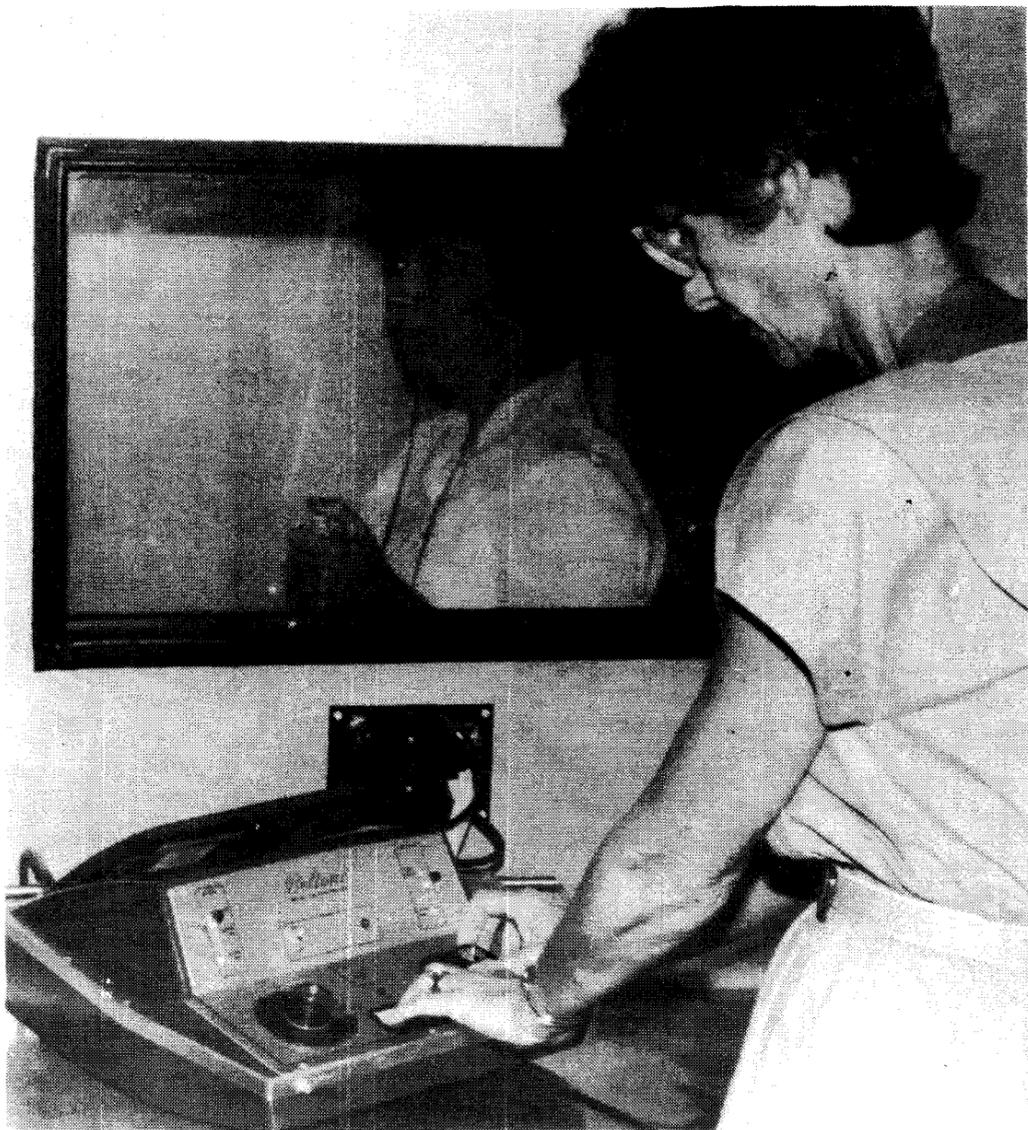
"Once the area is marked that alerts the worker that he's required to wear hearing protection in those areas," Roan said. Types of ear protection include ear muffs, disposable ear plugs, and individually-fitted earplugs.

Newly-arrived military and civilian people often go through the occupational health clinic as part of their in-processing at Redstone. At that point it can be decided whether they need to be on the hearing conservation program. The initial or baseline examination shows what their hearing is when they first come to work here. Also they may be fitted with ear plugs and told the importance of using hearing protection.

Annual hearing tests determine whether there is a hearing loss. For civilians, if a hearing loss is found, he or she would be referred to a hearing specialist (an audiologist). A military member with a hearing loss is often referred to a military audiologist at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Individual counseling is part of the hearing conservation program. Because of the large number of incoming students, a group education and ear plug fitting session is held on about a weekly basis at the Ord-

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OPERATOR — Cora Sams operates an audiometer that tests hearing of person inside booth.

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Top graduates of OMMCS courses during the week ending Aug. 30 were: Ammunition Specialist - Cpl. Terry Collins, honor, and Sgt. Hubert Hunnicutt, distinguished; Tow/Dragon Repairer - Pvt. Edward Bass, distinguished, and Pvt. Louie Wetzel, honor; Improved Hawk Pulse Radar Repair - Pvt. Patrick Jordan, distinguished, and Pvt. Anthony Hoffman, honor; Improved Hawk Maintenance Chief - 2nd Lt. Wolfgang Gruteser, distinguished; Pershing Electronic Repair Transition - SSgt. Fred Dumar, distinguished, and Sp4 Deborah Simmons, honor; Improved Hawk Fire Control Repairer - SSgt. Dirk Osterdorf, distinguished.

Mass in Korean

A Mass in Korean followed by a Korean potluck supper is scheduled Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at Post Chapel.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah services will be held at Bicentennial Chapel on Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. and on Sept. 16 at 10 a.m.

Protestant women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet Sept. 19 for a bus trip to Helen Keller's home. Buses depart Bicentennial Chapel at 8:45 a.m. The theme of the meeting is "Praise Him In Trials".

Potluck supper

A Protestant potluck supper is planned for Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. All are invited to bring a dish to share and join the fellowship.

Hospice

Hospice of Huntsville, a support service for the terminally ill and their families, will be offering a training course for volunteers beginning Oct. 8. For more information call 536-1889.

Reimbursable expenses

Per diem and subsistence expenses for official travel are reimbursable for meals, lodging, fees, tips, laundry, and transportation between lodging or place of business and places where meals are bought. The U.S. Comptroller General has ruled that all alcoholic beverages, all drinks or snacks not part of a regular meal, newspapers and taxi fare to laundry facilities are not reimbursable. For more information call 876-5493.

Unsettled travel advances

Effective Sept. 1, government travelers who do not file a travel claim within 15 days of trip completion will have advance travel pay owed the government withheld from their salary. Those who have circumstances which preclude settlement of their advance such as back-to-back travel must make arrangements with the Travel Pay Section to prevent the advance from becoming a payroll deduction after 15 days. For more information call 876-5493.

Recycle paper and cans

The Westlawn School band parents are collecting newspapers and aluminum cans. A truck to receive the items will be at the school on Jordan Lane on the fourth Saturday of each month.

MP anniversary run

In celebration of the 44th anniversary of the Military Police Corps, a fourth annual 10-kilometer race and two-mile fun run will be held Sept. 28 at Fort McClellan. Everyone is welcome to participate. Advance registration costs \$5 and ends Sept. 20; race-day registration fee will be \$6. All advance registrants will receive a T-shirt. For more information call 2nd Lt. Sheila Knox 876-7758/4618/9288.

PX observance

The Post Exchange main store will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 14 in honor of Retiree Day. There will be free coffee and cake for early shoppers. The Snack Bar will also open early at 7:30 a.m. and will have specials. A variety of promotions are planned for throughout the day. Drawings will be held every half hour; shoppers must be present to win. Free African violets will be given to the first 500 shoppers (retirees).

Dulcimer festival

The third annual North Alabama Dulcimer Festival, sponsored by the Mountain Dulcimer Association of Huntsville, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Lions Club Park in Meridianville. This event is a gathering of dulcimer makers, players, and others interested in these handmade musical instruments. Refreshments and a picnic area will be available. Jam sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Performances begin at 1 p.m. and last until 6 p.m. Admission is \$1. For more information call Wayne H. Taylor 828-0004.

Employment training

Army Family Member Assistance Program, a joint effort of the Civilian Personnel Office and the Army Community Service, is providing a training session on how to win, and prepare for, a job interview. The workshop will be conducted by a CPO staffing specialist, Margaret Pena, and James Bowne, ACS family member employment program coordinator. Each session will be held from 10 a.m. to noon daily Sept. 17-19 in building 7446, room 4. Space for the workshop is limited, and admission is on a first come, first served basis. Those interested should call either Bowne 876-9597 or Pena 876-8418. Attendees must first register with the ACS military family member employment program.

Recreation center

Tonight— Ping Pong tourney at 7. Thursday— Bingo at 7. Friday— Master Mind tourney at 7. Saturday— Ice cream sundaes at 2:30. Sunday— Six Flags Over Georgia tour at 6 a.m., Risk tourney at 2:30. Monday— Trivia quiz at 7. Tuesday— Pool tourney at 7.

Red Cross Blood drive winners

Here are the winners of the May Red Cross Blood Drive: 1-50 category, Human Engineering Detachment, coordinator Tom Cook; 51-100, Support Services Division, coordinator Brenda Boyett; 101-200, MLRS Project Office, coordinator Alma Whitehead; 201-400, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, coordinator Bertiera Humphrey; 401 and over, TMDE Support Group, coordinator Karen Workman. Total collection for May was 949, the previous month collection was 805. Collection at Redstone for May was 607, and collection at the Red Cross chapter house from MICOM, OMMCS, NASA and BMDSCOM was 342.

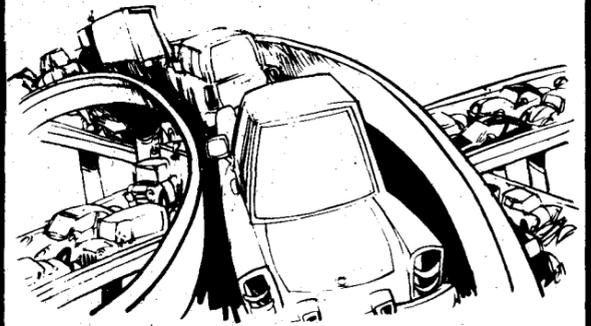
School meals

Some children who attend Huntsville City Schools may be eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals at school. Eligibility is based on family size and income. For more information call the principal's office of your child's school.

Business women

Heart of Dixie Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a fall enrollment event at 10 a.m. Sept. 14 at the Holiday Inn on University Drive. The theme will be "the growing spirit of ABWA to unite working women for personal and professional advancement in today's ever-changing business world." ABWA awards scholarships to women students. Women who are employed are eligible for membership in the association. For more information about ABWA and this special event, interested business women should call president Joan Benson 837-7430 or membership chairman Breezy Spiva 883-9400.

Carpool Hotline



Geraldine/Fyffe/Albertville

Carpool wanted from Geraldine-Fyffe-Albertville areas to 4500 or vicinity, hours 7:30-4. Scott Paulson 876-4875.

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Ride or carpool wanted from Arab to 5681 or vicinity, hours 7:30-4 or flexible. Juanez Alexander 876-4552/2748.

Commodore users group

The Huntsville, Ala., Commodore Komputer Society (HACKS) will have a monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 12 at Whitesburg Baptist Church in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Rusty Foster 852-9624.

CWF basketball

The Civilian Welfare Fund basketball league will have a meeting at 9 a.m. Sept. 13 at the old post gym (building 5663). Topics will include election of league officers, organizing of teams, team practices, the men's 34 years and under fast league, the men's 35 years and over slow league, and the women's league. Military people who want to play in either men's league should be present. More women, military and civilian, are needed to help form the women's basketball league. Coaches are needed for all leagues. For more information call CWFBL President Abdullah Muhammad 837-8855 or 876-4195 or call Dewitt Palmore 876-1262.

Parents without partners

Parents Without Partners is a support group for single parents coping with a new lifestyle. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 3601 Gesman Place. For more information call Jim Cooper 882-0846.

Apple computer users

The Apple Computer Users Group will meet Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Universal Data Systems cafeteria, 5000 Bradford Drive NW. Computerland will present a program on how to build your own computer system.

Graduate admission test

The Graduate Management Admission Test is used by about 800 graduate schools as a predictor of academic performance. It will be administered to active duty military members on Oct. 21, Jan. 27, March 17 and June 27. There is a reimbursable fee of \$30. Reservations for the Oct. 21 test must be made by Sept. 20. For more information call Maria Williams 876-9143.

Government accountants

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet on Thursday, Sept. 19, at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and the program to follow. Madison County Probate Judge Frank Riddick will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Probate Laws and Wills." For reservations call Lou Ann Burrow 876-8147 or Danny Walker 453-1487.

Cookery seminar

A seminar in Meatless Cookery is scheduled for this morning from 9:30-11:45 in room 605 of the Madison County Courthouse. The class, conducted by the Madison County Extension Service, is designed to demonstrate the use of soy protein. For more information call 532-3578.

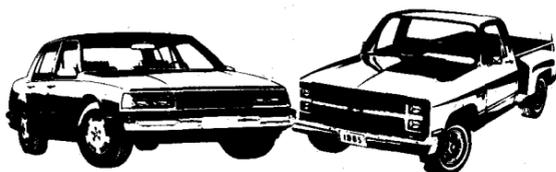
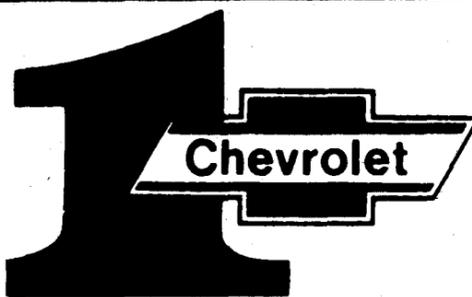
Computer course

The Learning Resource Center offers a course entitled "Introduction to Computer." The course describes the use and history of computers, discusses how computers work and computer terminology, and explores some of the social implications of using computers. To apply for the course, submit a DD form 1556 to AMSMI-JT/LRC, building 7446, ATTN: Learning Resource Center.

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Command insignia expected to arrive by November

It shouldn't be long before MICOM soldiers worldwide will be wearing a distinctive unit insignia.

The red, blue and gold metal and enamel emblems have been ordered and are expected to arrive Nov. 1, according to CSM Robert Whiteford.

"A contract has been let out to a contractor up in Connecticut. They are in fact ahead of schedule and we are expecting delivery sometime around the first of November," he said. "When it comes down there will be a ceremony conducted."

Each Missile Command soldier is to be issued three of the insignias. "That'll meet the initial demand that they all have," Whiteford said, adding that the Post Exchange will start selling them for those who want more.

The insignia will replace the Army Materiel Command emblem the MICOM soldiers are now wearing. Soldiers assigned to Redstone Arsenal Support Activity will be among those wearing the new emblem, according to Whiteford. Three thousand pair, a total of 6,000, insignias have been ordered.

Arrival of the MICOM insignias will complete a long process that included approval by the Army's Institute of Heraldry. Whenever a unit insignia is changed or developed, the new emblem must be approved by the institute. The contract for MICOM's insignia was

let in early August with Gemsco Corporation of Connecticut.

"You don't say, Hey we want a unit crest and the next week you have them. There's a lot involved in it," Whiteford said.

The Missile Command emblem will be just over an inch high and mostly gold in color. It will have a vertical gold missile with a point up between two gold flashes. In the background a four-lobed cloud form will be divided in half horizontally with blue above red. The words "Excellence in Missilery" will be inscribed on gold scrolls arched around the upper and lower lobes. The design portrays the mission of the Missile Command and its historical heritage in missilery and space exploration.

When the emblems arrive, plans are to have a ceremony with MICOM Special Troops. "You really don't change unit crest everyday. It's a significant event," Whiteford said.

"In my conversations with soldiers in MICOM to this point, I think most of them are happy to have a crest that gives them sort of a rallying point or distinctive unit insignia," he said. "I think the feeling in coming up with a distinctive unit insignia is to show the pride in the Missile Command by its members."



Soldiers can purchase cold-weather combat boot

WASHINGTON — Soldiers now have the option to purchase a commercial insulated black combat boot giving them the protection in cold climates the regular boot doesn't give, according to Sgt. Maj. James Prioleau of the Department of the Army Clothing Office.

The Herman Survivor Boot will only be available in Military Clothing Sales Stores in Alaska, Forts Campbell, Carson, Devens, Drum and Ord in September or

October at a cost of \$74. The boots may be worn at other installations, Prioleau said, even though they aren't available at all clothing sales stores. The boot is already available in Europe.

Sizes will range from 7 to 13, with half sizes to 12 and in medium and wide widths, said Prioleau. The waterproof boot features a treaded sole and heel, a padded collar, hard box toe, and speed lacing.

Prioleau stressed that this boot is not a substitute for

standard coldweather footwear currently available through the Army supply system.

"Soldiers purchasing boots at other stores must ensure the boots meet the specifications set by the Army," said Prioleau.

"The Army is striving to give the soldier the best equipment it (the Army) can afford," said Prioleau. "This is the reason behind the optional purchase of a cold weather boot." (Arnews)

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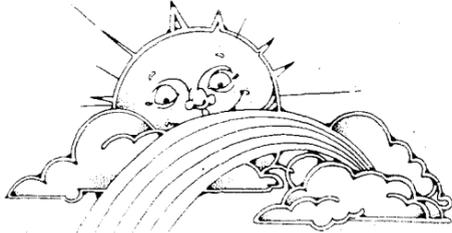
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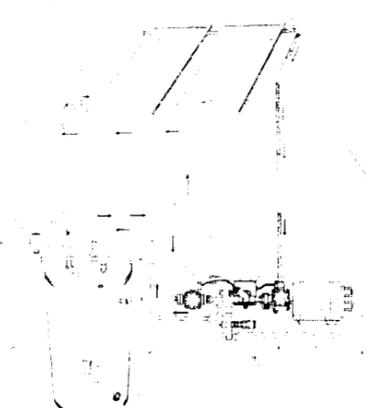
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Week-long observance to have Hispanic flavor

BY PAM ROGERS

At least one soldier here expects that National Hispanic Heritage Week, Sept. 15-21, will give him a taste of home.

The highlight of the week will be the Hispanic luncheon on Sept. 18. The speaker for the luncheon will be Patricia Diaz Dennis, a native of Santa Rita, N.M. Dennis was appointed to the National Labor Relations Board by President Reagan in 1983.

Dennis, 38, is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, and Loyola University Law School. Her career as an attorney has included extensive experience in labor law. Before her appointment to the NLRB she was an assistant general attorney for American Broadcasting Company (ABC).

She is married to Michael J. Dennis, who is also an attorney. They have three children.

Andy Perez, chairman of the planning committee for this year's observance here, sees the luncheon as a meeting of different cultures.

"It's a good time for the rest of the community to see how another culture works, a good time to see what background we come from, and even what the food tastes like," he said. The luncheon menu will feature foods like baked chicken with rice, fried bananas, and a squash and cheese dish called calacaecitos.

Planners for the celebration hope to attract more Hispanics from the military community than in the past. Barbara Alexander, Hispanic Employment Program Manager, believes since the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School is sponsoring the event this year, more soldiers, especially the younger ones, will attend.

One of the young soldiers who's already making plans to attend the functions believes the week will give him a taste of home.

PFC Oscar Esquivel, of San Antonio, Texas finds the Huntsville area quite different from what he's used to.

"Since most of the people are Hispanic there, everybody's pretty settled. Here people look at you all the time, because you're different. I notice that all the



MAKING PLANS — Discussing the scheduled activities for this year's Hispanic Heritage Week are, from left, PFC Oscar Esquivel, 1st Lt. Shirley Martinez, SSgt. Fred Valentin, Sp4 Sandra Bergersen, and Sgt. Fernando Quiroz.

time," he said. But he added that it doesn't bother him.

"I think it's great! It makes me unique. I have a headstart on the tan everybody's looking for," he said.

He does miss the Hispanic culture that was his as he was growing up, especially the festivals held for holidays like Christmas and Mexican Independence Day. He looks forward to the celebration next week, and hopes it will help people from this area understand the Hispanic way of life.

"Huntsville is a lot different from San Antonio. Last weekend I took a friend home with me. She's from this area, and the tides were turned— everybody

was staring at her! She got to taste Mexican food, and she thought it was pretty neat," he said.

Esquivel, 19, joined the Army after high school. "It (the Army) was always my dream, and I wanted to travel," he said. He's leaving for Germany in December, and will be there for about two years. He plans to make a career of the Army.

"I want to be a sergeant major, or maybe go to college and become an officer," he said.

Members of Redstone's Hispanic community will contribute authentic works of art and craft items for display in buildings 5250, 3300, and the Post Exchange for the celebration.

Tickets for the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m., cost \$5.50. For more information call 876-3436.



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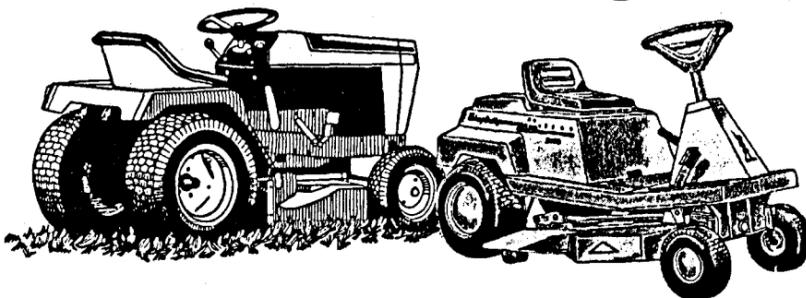
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Cost estimating model wins award for two workers

BY PAM ROGERS

Two workers in the cost analysis branch of the Comptroller's office have received the Army Materiel Command's Cost Analysis Award for 1984.

Harold Bright, chief of the cost modeling branch, and Steven Messervy, an operations research analyst in the same branch, have developed a new method for estimating costs of weapon systems, which will be implemented AMC-wide.

After researching the reporting methods used by project offices, Bright conceived the methodology to combine financial planning, estimating budgeting, execution and tracking into a total financial package. The package was then automated, which ensured quick reporting and updating.

"A primary advantage is that it provides the financial management analyst in the project office a tool with which he can meet the increasing cost reporting requirements and at the same time, maintain consistency," said Bright.

Without the model, the analyst must use a combination of automated and manual reporting methods, Bright said.

"It frees the analysts to do what they're supposed to do— cost estimating— instead of adding numbers," Messervy said.

Messervy has fine tuned the model, and has demonstrated the hardware and software necessary to

make it work to cost analysis chiefs from throughout AMC.

Bright and Messervy agree that the single greatest advantage of the standardized, automated model is an increase in productivity.

"It's cost effective. They're given a tool which is more capable, and they're doing more things than in the past. Say the old method allowed them to list 100 line items. This new tool will handle 2,500 items, or more. There's much more detail in the estimates, much more than by hand," Bright said.

"General Burbules commented last week that he's disturbed when he sees quick, rough order magnitude responses to questions asked on 'what if' drills— responses consisting of simple factors such as unit missile costs in place of incorporation of methodology such as learning curve analyses and production rate adjustment factors," said Bright. He added that Burbules seems pleased with the detailed results the model produces, and hopes the pace of implementation increases.

The model was piloted in the Hellfire, Stinger and Patriot project offices, and will now be implemented throughout the Missile Command and AMC.

Bright holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics, and is working toward a doctorate in operations research at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He has worked for MICOM since 1972.



INNOVATORS — Steven Messervy (left) and Harold Bright look over work produced in the Comptroller's cost analysis branch.

Messervy is also working on a doctorate in operations research, at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. His bachelor's and master's degrees are in business administration. He came to MICOM in 1977.

Items rationed in Korea include mayonnaise and cigarettes

WASHINGTON — If you're bound for an assignment in Korea, be aware there are now stricter controls on certain commissary products.

Officials at the Troop Support Agency report that tighter monthly purchasing limits under the U.S. Forces, Korea, Ration Control Program went into effect in August.

The new limits, which apply to all commissary

customers, are the result of a special Army panel appointed by the commander of U.S. Forces, Korea, to study the spending habits of all military personnel there. What they discovered was existing ration limits were too high, causing excess purchases to funnel into the civilian economy via the blackmarket.

New controls limit the quantity of instant coffee, mayonnaise, facial cream and cigarettes soldiers and

their family members can purchase in a month. Two previously rationed items have been removed from the restricted list: ground coffee and soda.

Also imposed by the panel is a new monthly dollar spending limit at commissaries and exchanges. According to a Troop Support Agency official, a single soldier can spend up to \$235 each month, while a family of four can spend up to \$725. (ARnews)

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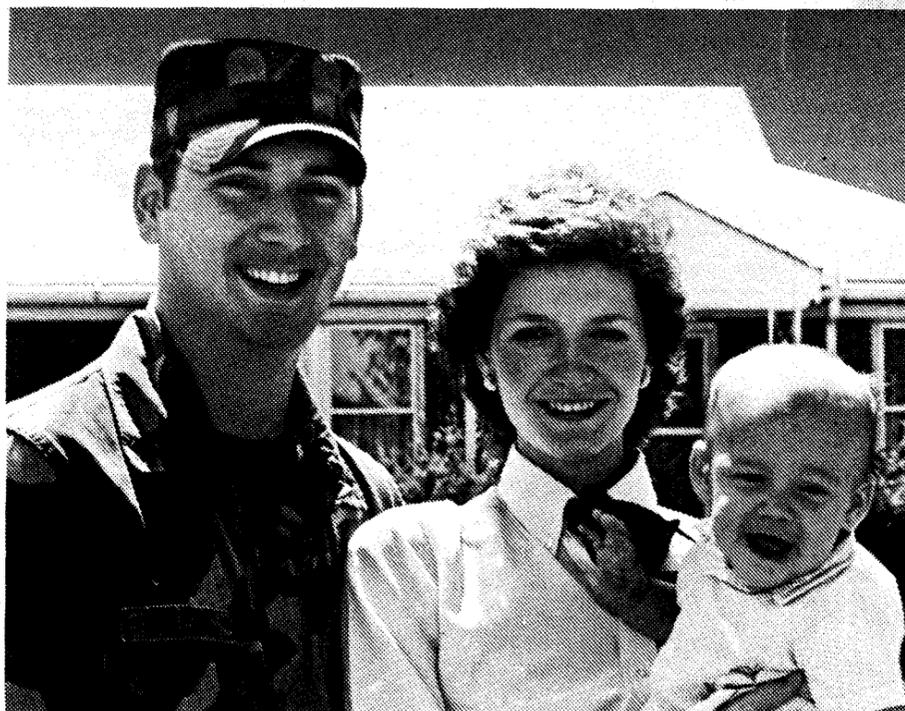
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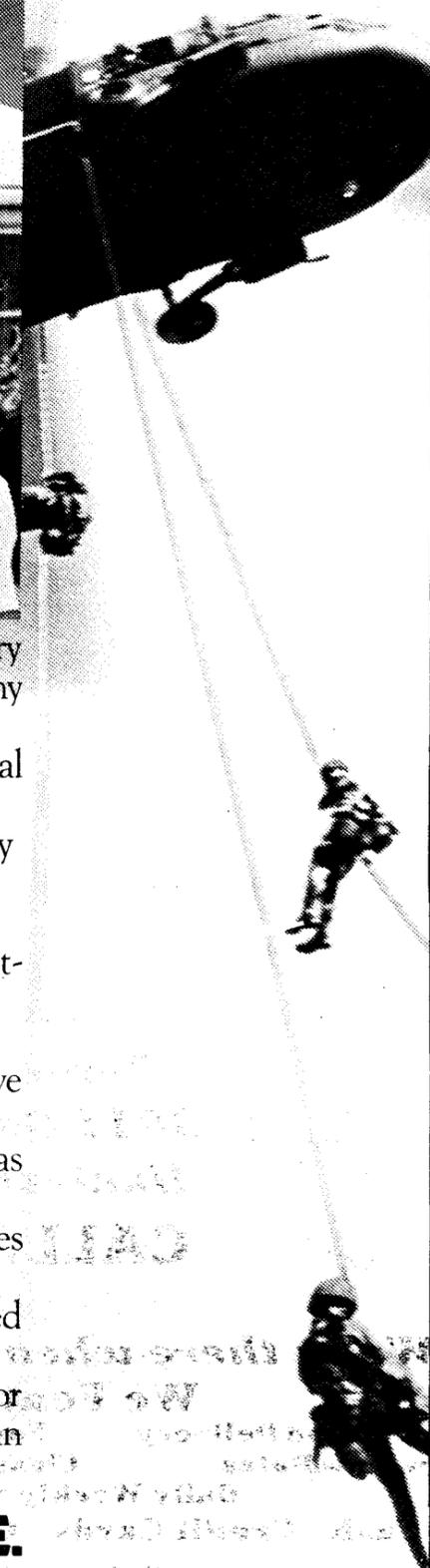
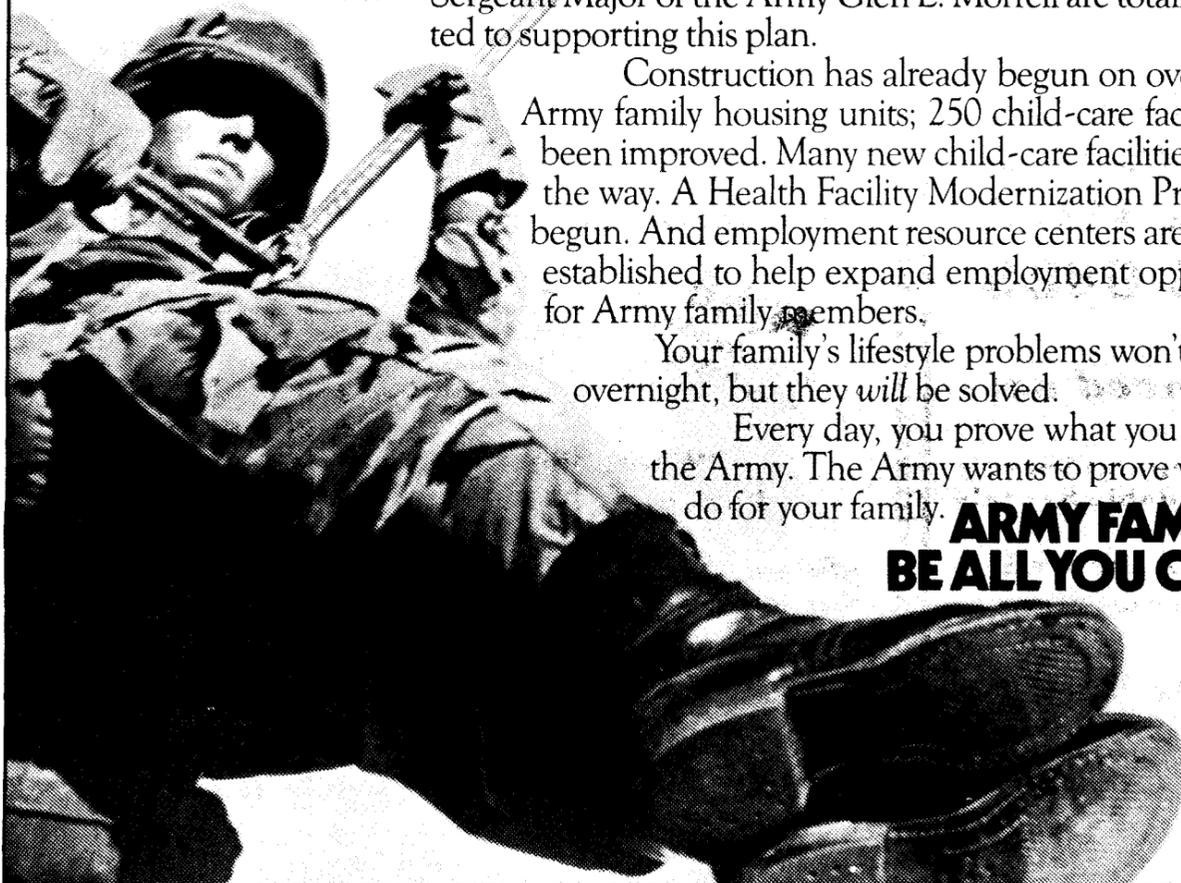
The Chief of Staff, General John A. Wickham, and Sergeant Major of the Army Glen E. Morrell are totally committed to supporting this plan.

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Bama's Crimson Tide picked to roll

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Alabama's Crimson Tide has to put its big win over Georgia behind it in order to whip Texas A&M on Saturday in Birmingham.

Coach Ray Perkins' team came from behind in the final seconds to nip Georgia 20-16 in the opener for both teams. This weekend's game against Texas A&M should provide another test.

The Aggies of Texas A&M have six returning starters on offense and nine on defense from last year's 6-5 team. This is basically the same squad that finished last season with a 35-21 win over tough Texas Christian and a 37-12 win over the Texas Longhorns. And millionaire Coach Jackie Sherrill has some added incentive against Alabama—it's his alma mater. Plus he would probably like to please the Aggie alumni so he can keep his high-paying job.

This prognosticator says that won't be enough to beat Alabama's tough defense and cool-headed offense. The pick here is...Bama.

After a 7-3 opening week, last week's picks resulted in a 14-8-1 record, bringing the season totals to 21-11-1. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this weekend in major college football:

- Texas A&M at Alabama— Bama by 7.
- Air Force at Wyoming— Air Force by 14.
- Washington State at Arizona— Arizona by 10.
- Arizona State at Michigan State— MSU by 3.

- Arkansas at Ole Miss— Arkansas by 7.
- Western Michigan at Army— Army by 10.
- Southern Miss at Auburn— Auburn by 21.
- Baylor at Georgia— Georgia by 13.
- Maryland at Boston College— Md. by 7.
- Bowling Green at Kentucky— Ky. by 14.
- Washington at Brigham Young— BYU by 4.
- California at Oregon State— Cal by 10.
- Clemson at Virginia Tech— Clemson by 21.
- Oregon at Colorado— Oregon by 7.
- Navy at Delaware— Navy by 14.
- Duke at West Virginia— WV. by 17.
- Rutgers at Florida— Florida by 21.
- Georgia Tech at N.C. State— Tech by 13.
- Utah at Hawaii— Hawaii by 3.
- Southern Illinois at Illinois— Ill. by 30.
- Louisville at Indiana— Louisville by 1.
- Miami (Fla.) at Rice— Miami by 21.
- Notre Dame at Michigan— Mich. by 7.
- Syracuse at Mississippi State— State by 10.
- Northwestern at Missouri— Missouri by 14.
- Louisiana State at North Carolina— LSU by 7.
- Pittsburgh at Ohio State— Pitt by 3.
- Temple at Penn State— Penn State by 14.
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Missile site damaged by terrorist bombs

NOHFELDEN, West Germany— Terrorist bombs destroyed three mobile radars at a U.S. Army missile air defense site near here Sept. 6. None of the soldiers on the site were hurt.

An Army spokesman said the bombs went off about 6 a.m. local time and wrecked the radars. He said there

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A spokesman for the West German chief prosecutor estimated damage at several hundred thousand dollars.

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Nicholas wins ladies' golf tournament

Reita Nicholas has won the 26th annual Redstone Arsenal Ladies' Golf Association Invitational tournament.

Nicholas took first place with an 81 low gross. About a hundred ladies participated in the tournament held Sept. 4 at the Redstone golf club. Col. Bob O'Donnell, MICOM chief of staff, presented winners with hand-blown crystal glass prizes.

Besides Nicholas, the overall champion, winners included: *First Flight*— Virginia Payne, low net; Gladys Stevens, second low net. *Second Flight*— Bobbie Lit-tou, low gross; Maise Stripling, low net; Beverly Price, second low net. *Third Flight*— Peggy Smith, low gross; Marti Simpson, low net; Martha Landers, second low net. *Fourth Flight*— Beverly Payne, low gross; Joyce Elliot, low net; Jeannine Cox, second low net. *Fifth Flight*— Margaret Labbe, low gross; Elsie Hobbs, low net; Betty McLees, second low net. *Sixth Flight*— Jane Robinson, low gross; Margaret

Lawrence, low net; Martha Ann Kelly, second low net.

Seventh Flight— Florence Teir, low gross; Karen Garrett, low net; Marlyn Harris, second low net.

Eighth Flight— Virginia Wise, low gross; Mary Anderson, low net; Muriel Stone, second low net.

Ninth Flight— Dottie Cento, low gross; Anna Armour, low net; Margaret McBrearty, second low net.

Tenth Flight— Alice Whitaker, low gross; Sue Boylan, low net; Addie Gordon, second low net.

Eleventh Flight— Dede Lippman, low gross; Skid Clark, low net; Alice Wagster, second low net. *Twelfth Flight*— Regina Jeter, low gross; Lee Zierdt, low net; and Beth Tarbox, second low net.

Other winners included Virginia Wise, closest to the pin on number eight; Betty Kibbe, closest to the pin on 11; Reita Nicholas, longest drive on three for handicap 21 and under; and B.L. Locke, longest drive on 17 for handicap 22 and over.

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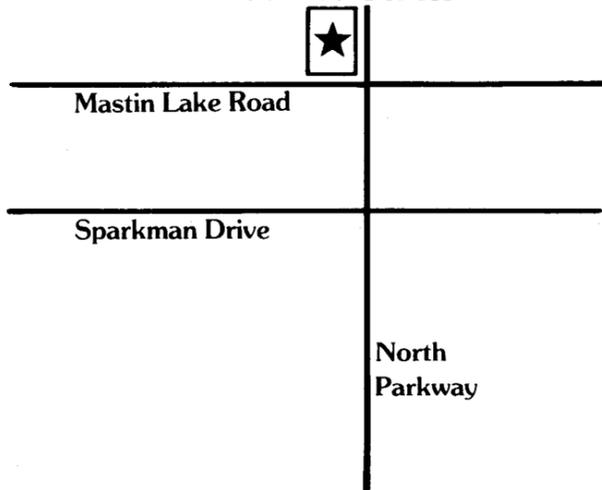
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WASHINGTON — The Army is looking for professional persuaders to fill the ranks of a new military enlisted occupational specialty 96F. The new psychological operations specialty was approved in February 1984, and is scheduled for implementation Oct. 1 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Soldiers of all ranks on active duty and in reserve units may request reclassification and attend the 12-week Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The creation of this new MOS and career field gives soldiers in the psychological operations (PSYOP) field a better chance at promotion and career advancement in addition to more specialized training, said John Cox, who heads the 96F program. These soldiers will now compete for promotion without having to leave the PSYOP field.

Psychological operations positions are currently filled by soldiers from selected MOSs who have attended the four-week Psychological Operations Course at Fort Bragg and have received the "W" skill qualification identifier. There are currently 1,000 positions in the Army allocated to one active duty and three reserve groups, said Cox.

The active Army group is at Fort Bragg and is made up of four battalions. Reserve groups are located in

the Washington, D.C. area, Ohio and California, with subordinate units located throughout the United States, said Cox.

Now, once a tour of duty in a PSYOP unit has been completed, the identifier may be dropped or replaced, making course graduates hard to identify for future PSYOP assignments, he said. With the new MOS, personnel management is expected to improve, therefore making better use of training money by reducing the need to constantly retrain soldiers for PSYOP positions, he added.

Cox described the 96F soldier this way: "A professional who is able to persuade someone to do something they do not want to do but do it when we want them to do it."

Plans call for Skill Level 2 training to become the unit's responsibility; Skill Level 3 will consist of resident and non-resident training, and Skill Level 4 will be a four-week Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Education course.

Soldiers with the "W" identifier on their MOSs are eligible to apply now for reclassification into the new field so that processing can be completed before Oct. 1.

Those interested in reclassification should contact the Department of the Army Military Personnel

Center, ATTN: DAPC-EPL-M, 2641 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, Va. 22331 for active duty soldiers; Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Army Reserve, ATTN: DAAR-PE, Washington, D.C., for reserve soldiers; or Commander, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center, ATTN: ATSU-SI-DPO, Fort Bragg, N.C. 28307-5000 (Autovon 236-9172/5532, commercial (919) 396-5532/9172, MSgt. William Dewaele). (Arnews)

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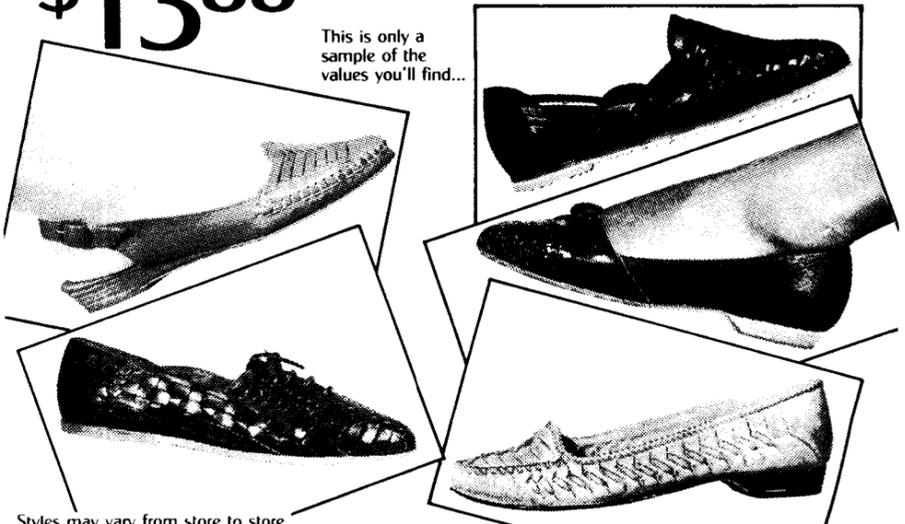
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Military retirees have annual activity day Saturday

About 600 people are expected to attend the annual get-together for military retirees in this area set for Saturday at the NCO Club.

Retiree Activity Day is for retired and active duty military people, their family members and guests. The event starts with registration and a social from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The only charge will be \$3.50 per person for lunch beginning at noon.

After a morning of speakers and the lunch, a county fair type event will be held that afternoon in which people can go from table to table to see representatives from various organizations.

"I expect between 550 to 600 people" to attend, said Frank Adair, retired services officer here.

"Everything's shaping up real well," he said. "We have many door prizes, plenty of door prizes. The commissary will donate 20 to 30 bags of grocery worth \$25 to \$30 each. And we'll have about 50 or 60 other prizes donated by merchants in the area."

Col. Dahl Cento, the deputy post commander, will deliver the welcome address at 9 a.m. (not Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules as previously announced). The guest speaker from the Department of Army will be Max Beilke, deputy division chief of retired/veterans activities. Col. Ronald Crowley, MICOM's director for personnel, training and force development, is to give a command briefing. Other scheduled speakers include William Penney, commissary officer; Robert Davis, post exchange manager; Col. Wade Mills, deputy commander for administration at Fox Army Community Hospital; Col. Walter Lohse, dental activity commander; and Col. Allen Adams, staff judge advocate.

"The luncheon (meal) will be roast beef or fried chicken and everything that goes with it, mashed potatoes and beans and the drink. And the cost will be \$3.50 each," Adair said.

The county fair tables that afternoon are to include free blood pressure checks, identification card and

DEERS registration, local officer associations, and health and benefit programs.

There are about 8,500 military retirees in the 10-county North Alabama area, according to Adair, retired services officer in the military personnel office and a retired Air Force master sergeant. Counting family members, he estimates there are about 20,000 in the retired military community.

The annual Retiree Activity Day is sponsored by the Retiree Advisory Council in conjunction with Redstone Arsenal. The council is a 25-member group that "acts as a bridge between the commanding general and the retired military community," Adair said. Members are volunteers who include retirees from various branches of the military. The council chairman is Adelbert (Del) Miller, a retired Army colonel.

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Soldiers escort exceptional people at fair in Huntsville

Nearly 700 service members from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School served as escorts Sept. 4 during the "Exceptional People's Day" at the Northeast Alabama State Fair.

"I think it was a fantastic opportunity for the soldiers to get exposed to people that aren't as fortunate as they are," said CSM Jerry Compton, 2nd Battalion command sergeant major.

Compton, responsible for organizing the soldiers who volunteered as escorts, said it was a humbling experience for him and the others.

This was the 11th consecutive year that military men and women from the missile school have escorted handicapped people during their special day at the fair. The fair is sponsored by the Huntsville Jaycees. According to Jaycee members, this year's event was bigger and better than any fair they have had.

The Jaycees provided the handicapped persons and their escorts with free soda and lunch during the event.

Rides were open and games with prizes were provided by the United Shows that hosted the fair. A circus was the grand finale for the exceptional people. It included a variety of trained animal acts and exhibitions of human skill and daring.

The soldiers that participated had nothing but good things to say about the event. "I was an escort last year. I enjoyed it then and I am enjoying it this year," SSgt. Burt Castleberry said. "I enjoy helping people. This fair means a lot to them, you can tell just by looking at them."

This is said to be the biggest event of the year for the exceptional people who attend.

"It was obvious by the expressions shown that the soldiers and exceptional people got a thrill from the fair," Compton said. "I know my soldiers were exhausted by the time they got back home."



FROG JUMPING — Gary Smith (wearing cap and striped shirt), student at the Opportunity Center makes a frog jump as Pvt. Glenn Benson, 8th Student Company, cheers him on.

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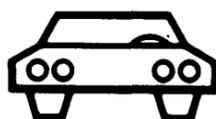
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Cirrhosis of liver caused by too much drinking

A strange and busy organ indeed is the liver. No one should leave home without one, but sometimes folks who drink a lot finally do.

Some of the barroom crowd call this fatal condition "liver quiver," but in doctor's parlance, it's "cirrhosis."

At three to four pounds, the liver is the body's largest gland. It's a workhorse, and is continuously fed nourishment by the blood vessels of the intestine.

Daily, it manufactures a pint of bile, without which we couldn't digest so much as a single bean.

But it's a lousy drinker that can't handle alcohol very well. All it takes is one martini to increase its useless fatty tissue by one-half percent of the liver's weight.

In an alcoholic, this fat reaches 25 percent — and cirrhosis is apt to come next.

The human body has a great eagerness for alcohol. It absorbs it not only from the intestine, as are all other fluids, but directly from the stomach also.

But even the best liver can only handle a drop of alcohol a time. The rest swirls through the bloodstream. Some is exhaled through the lungs, which provides the police and their breathalyzers an easy and accurate test of the blood alcohol content.

A French physician, Rene Theophile Hyacinthe Laennec, first described the disease called cirrhosis of the liver. This is the same doctor whose distaste for placing his ear next to perfumed but unbathed bosoms

inspired him to invent the stethoscope.

Also, at autopsies, he was disturbed by livers that were yellow, knobby and hard. He termed this condition cirrhosis, from the Greek word for tawny, "kirrhos."

The livers were yellow because they were fatty, hard because of scars, and knobby because the regeneration of the liver tissue between the scars produces little mounds.

It was suspected by Laennec, and known to the world today, that the common cause of cirrhosis was the consumption of alcohol.

But you don't have to be an alcoholic to get cirrhosis. Some moderate drinkers get it. What seems to matter most is how long a person has been on the booze.

Cirrhosis tends to hit people in their 40s or 50s. However, some young persons are victims, too. One 18-year-old woman developed a massive, fatty liver after eight months of steady wine drinking.

Also, drinkers often don't eat well, partly because a sick liver can't process protein very well. So the nitrogenous material protein goes right through the liver to the brain, where it has a toxic effect.

Restricting the protein intake of cirrhosis helps their brains get better.

According to Richard Seizer who wrote "The Drinking Man's Liver," that's why the medics refer to

cirrhotics as "one meatballers."

Cirrhosis of the liver is indeed bad news. Liver cells implode and die. The flow of bile is blocked. Big tangles of fiber impede absorption and secretion. The whole thing is a mass of sores and wounds, covered with scar tissue.

The obstructed bile, unable to flow down into the gut, backs into the bloodstream. Skin and eyes become a sickly yellow. The stool turns white, the urine dark as wine. The belly swells with gallons of fluid that seep from the surface of the liver.

Then it gets worse. The blood fails to clot, the palms of the hands turn red, and capillaries crowd the surface of the skin and neck.

Male breasts enlarge, testicles turn soft and atrophy. Soon the man is impotent — which may cause him to drink even more.

In a word, the victim is a mess. Does that scare you any? Better have a drink. You look a little pale. But cheer up, there's hope.

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nance Missile and Munitions Center and School. "One good part about that is the opportunity to reinforce the importance of hearing protection," Roan said.

"It interferes with everything if you have a hearing loss, it affects your lifestyle," she said. "What we're trying to do is prevent hearing loss."

Noise-induced hearing loss is not the only type. There are other kinds of hearing loss that can often be corrected by surgery. A ruptured eardrum, for example, can be caused by a blow to the head or an ear infection. A condition called otosclerosis is where the small bones of the ear are hardened so they don't vibrate normally to transmit sound. This condition seems to "run in families" and affects "fairly young people," according to Roan. Another form of hearing loss is called presbycusis. This usually means loss of high frequency hearing that is normal with aging. "All of us undergo some degree of presbycusis as we age," Roan said, adding that the degree of loss varies.

Copies of audiograms or hearing test records are sent to the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. It rejects reports that do not meet its standards. "They also review how many people are on the program in relation to the number of people that are tested and they do that for every installation (throughout the continental U.S.)," Roan said.

Redstone was cited recently by the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency as one of the 10 Army posts in 1984 where more than 90 percent of the people reported to be in noise hazardous areas were tested and less than 10 percent of the records were rejected. Oc-

cupational health sent 2,447 reports last year while 2,636 people were reported working in noise-hazardous areas for a compliance rate of 93 percent. The rejection rate for records with missing or illegible data was only 7 percent, compared to the Army-wide average rate of 13 percent.

"The compliance and rejection rates at this Occupational Health Clinic exemplify the commitment and quality assurance to which the Surgeon General has dedicated the Army Medical Department," wrote Col. Jay Gensler, acting commander of Army Environmental Hygiene Agency. "Such diligence and attention to detail are commendable and essential to preventing hearing loss among DA military and civilian personnel."

Cora Sams, the hearing conservation officer at occupational health, supervises three other nurses working on the program. They use audiometers to test hearing. The civilian or soldier goes into a booth and puts on a set of earphones. The audiometer transmits a tone and each time the subject hears it he or she presses a button that signals a red light to the operator. "They have to press it on the same decibel three times before it's accepted and before it's valid," Sams said.

The clinic has two audiometers and two soundproof booths. Its hearing protection aids include rubber, individually fitted earplugs; and foam ear plugs that can fit anyone.

"It's very important to have your hearing protection properly seated to prevent hearing loss when working around excessive noise," Sams said.



CHECKUP — Kathleen Busbey prepares to get her hearing checked. The door of the soundproof booth will be closed during the actual test.

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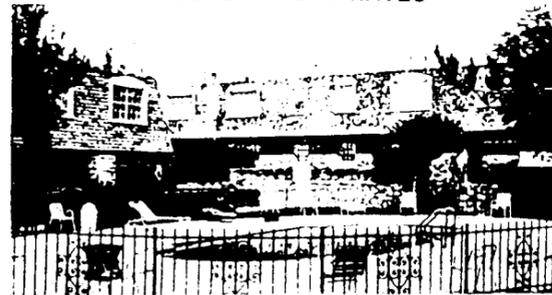
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The screening will begin no later than Oct. 1, according to a Department of Defense announcement, and will be conducted using a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved test for HTLV-III which may indicate the presence of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

The DOD announcement stated: "This testing will be accomplished during the initial physical examination where blood samples will be drawn by medical personnel. Laboratory testing for HTLV-III antibody

will be conducted by civilian laboratories.

"Individuals with positive test results will be referred to their private physicians for more thorough evaluation, and those who are determined to be negative upon reevaluation and who demonstrate no signs of AIDS will be reevaluated and processed for entry into the armed services.

"Until all potential recruits are screened at the military entrance processing stations, a similar process will be conducted immediately upon arrival at initial training centers. Those testing positive will be withdrawn from training and referred to a military treatment facility for further evaluation."

Unit supply rooms to get uniform items

WASHINGTON — Enlisted soldiers in the Total Army will no longer have to pay for rank insignia, service stripes, overseas service bars or unit sew-on patches beginning Oct. 1, according to U.S. Army Troop Support Agency officials. Nor will they have to pay to have them sewn on.

The items supplied by the Defense Personnel Support Center will move from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales Stores to unit supply rooms and become part of the unit's

organizational inventory, said a Troop Support Agency official.

Other uniform items such as shoulder marks, Ranger tabs, and Expert Infantry and Medical Badges will also be provided by the unit. "These things move into the same supply category as a tent, helmet or poncho," the official said.

The official also said that the unit will provide free sewing services to the soldiers by coordinating with post tailor shops or contracting with local private businesses. (Arnews)

Evaluation form revised

WASHINGTON — Beginning Oct. 1, all Army officers must use the revised Officer Evaluation Report (OER) Support Form.

According to Maj. Ward B. Nickisch of the Evaluations Systems Office at the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, units should have the new form (DA Form 67-8-1, dated Feb. 85) on hand, or on requisition, so they will have it by Oct. 1.

All rated officers must maintain a working copy of the support form throughout the rating period. "Raters and rated officers now share the responsibility for preparing the support form," said Nickisch. "The local Military Personnel Office is no longer responsible for initiating the form and providing it to the rated officer."

Complete guidance on the preparation and use of the new OER Support Form is in AR 623-105 (Officer Ranks Personnel Update). (Arnews)



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Arsenal hunting seasons begin Saturday

Hunting begins on Redstone again this weekend as doves and teal become legal targets for shotgunners.

Both seasons open Saturday, Sept. 14. Those planning to hunt must reserve hunting areas and check in and out through the Outdoor Recreation Center. Only active duty and retired military personnel and their guests are eligible to hunt.

Dove hunters must present a valid state hunting license, arsenal hunting permit and prove that they have attended the hunter safety orientation to get a hunting area. Teal hunters must also present valid state and federal duck stamps. Shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than three shells in both teal and dove hunting.

Shooting times for doves run noon to sunset on the opening day of the season and one half hour before

sunrise to sunset on other days. The daily limit is 15 birds.

The first portion of the state dove season runs from Sept. 14 through Oct. 26.

Teal hunters can take four birds a day with shooting hours from sunrise to sunset. The season runs from Sept. 14 through Sept. 22.

Persons who want to reserve a hunting area for either the teal or dove opener can sign up at Outdoor Recreation beginning at 7 a.m. Sept. 13.

The hunter safety orientation is given at Outdoor Recreation every Monday and Wednesday at 5 p.m. It is also available on videotape 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Learning Resource Center.

Army recruiting station adds staff sergeant

A Charleston, S.C. native with more than 10 years of active duty in the Army has become the latest addition to the Army recruiting team in the Huntsville North Army Recruiting Station.

SSgt. Clinton Joseph Jacobi comes to the recruiting assignment from Fort Carson, Colo., where he served for two years as a tank platoon sergeant.

Jacobi is a graduate of the Army's Basic and Primary Non-Commissioned Officers' Professional Development Course, and the Army Recruiting School.

He has received the National Defense Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, three Good Conduct Medals, two Non-Commissioned Officer's Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Expert Marksman Award.

When he's not recruiting, Jacobi can probably be found outdoors. He is a real sports enthusiast.

Anyone interested in meeting Jacobi to talk about what today's Army has to offer can reach him at the Huntsville North Army Recruiting Station at 2519 North Memorial Parkway (phone 539-7431).



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Free Kittens: Female and male assorted kinds. Need good home. Post Vet Clinic. Bldg. 3543. Call 876-2441.

For Sale: 1984 Toyota Corolla SR5, five speed liftback. Completely loaded. One owner. No accidents, 14,000 miles. Asking \$9,200. Purchased for \$10,400. Call Jan at 830-1796 or 876-9141.

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For Sale: 1980 Chevrolet Citation, 2 door. \$2,200. Call 876-6121.

For Sale: English Bulldog, female, 9 months old, has all shots, Brindle and white, excellent markings. Good temperament. \$300. Call 837-7072 after 5 p.m.

Sailboat: 18 foot Chrysler Buccaneer with trailer, main and jib sails, 1.75 hp motor. \$2,500. (Work) 876-6898 Ms. Moore. (Home) 828-6058.

For Sale: Solid Mahogany dining room suite with four chairs and extra leaf. Table is two-pedestal design. Approximately 50 years old. \$300. Call 883-9641.

1980 Chevrolet Stepside short bed pick-up, black; AM/FM, heater; rebuilt 6. \$1,450 nego. Call 852-2185 after 5 p.m.

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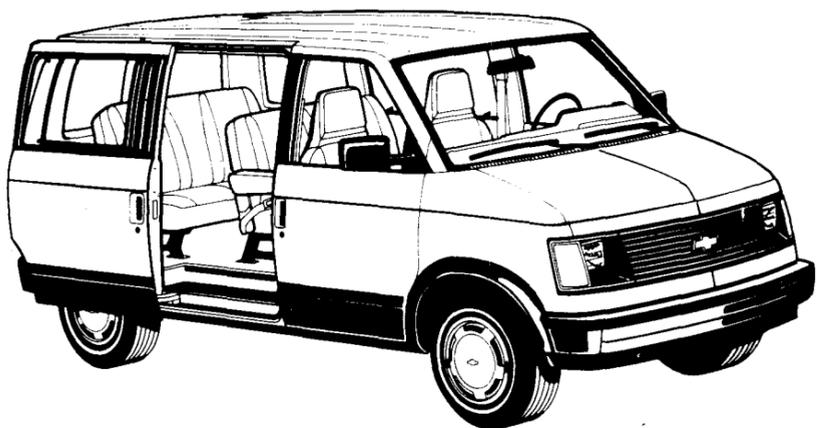
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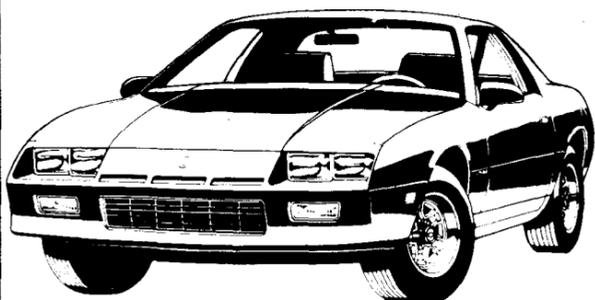
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