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Fire prevention helps at home and the workplace

BY SKIP VAUGHN

On this date in 1871, as legend has it, Kate O'Leary's cow overturned a lantern and started one of the worst fires in history.

Each year the week that includes the Oct. 9 anniversary of the "Great Chicago Fire" is proclaimed Fire Prevention Week. The national slogan for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6-12 this year is "Fire Drills Save Lives."

"We intend to conduct fire drills and demonstrations as requested and we'll probably have a display at the PX," said Bill Cross, the fire inspector for Redstone Fire Department. "We're going to be conducting some training with the children at on-base schools. And there'll be some Fire Prevention Week signs posted throughout the arsenal."

Also the fire stations on post are open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily this week.

The Army has rules for fire protection. Regulations require facility managers to develop fire plans, train workers in fire prevention and limited fire protection procedures, conduct fire drills, and to take immediate action to correct known fire hazards. Fire plans are posted in government buildings. "We're trying to put more emphasis on them and make sure they're accurate," said Cross, adding that everyone in a building should be familiar with their fire plan and it should be posted where everyone can see it.

Fires on post caused at least \$36,817 in damage in fiscal 1985. This Army statistic does not include the possible several thousand dollars in damage caused by an electrical fire at a large dishwashing machine in the civilian cafeteria in building 5681 on Sept. 17.

"The majority of this fire loss occurred in family housing," Cross said. He estimated that the damages were "about 50 percent over last year."

Children playing with fire is "probably the leading cause of fires in family quarters," Cross said. "It's a close toss-up between that and careless smoking habits."

Parents should keep fire-starting materials out of the reach of small children and teach their children about the dangers of fire. Careless smoking habits include dumping ash trays into trash cans without waiting to make sure the ashes stopped burning. A metal container could be used instead. Other careless habits would be smoking around flammable liquids or leaving a cigarette unattended.

"Fires in family housing lead the way every year and it's the same year after year. We've been lucky here at Redstone, we haven't had a fire fatality since 1965," Cross said. There were no fire injuries reported here during the fiscal year, either.

In a family housing fire in October 1984, a child playing with a cigarette lighter started a fire in a bedroom. In November 1984 a woman left lighted candles unattended in a bedroom and the curtains caught fire. In June 1985 a 12-year-old was cooking french fries when the grease overheated and ignited.

The latest Army-wide fire loss statistics (for fiscal 1984) show most fires occurred in family quarters.



WITH FIRE TRUCK — Carl Bohannon is a driver-operator at fire station 1 on Rideout Road.

There were 223 fires last year in family quarters Army-wide with \$1,749,952 in losses, 35 injuries and two deaths.

Besides children playing with fire and careless smoking habits, cooking is another common cause of fires in family housing. People should not leave a stove unattended while cooking, Cross said. If cooking with grease, they should keep a pan lid handy to slide over a grease fire and then turn the stove off. "Never attempt to pick up a burning pan," Cross said.

"We do recommend two things for family housing. One is the smoke detector which they've all got and that should be checked out twice a year or more often," he said. "And the other is an ABC-rated fire extinguisher" which can be purchased at department stores.

Monday morning fire in military residence

A Monday morning house fire burned one room of a military residence here and caused smoke damage to the rest of the home at 229D Niblo Road.

No one was injured in the fire, which was started in a bedroom by a child playing with a cigarette lighter, according to Assistant Fire Chief Willie Pope.

Damage was confined to the quarters of SSgt. Richard C. Valenzuela and did not spread to other

Fire hazards on the job include storage of combustibles, obstructing fire doors and exits, and careless smoking habits. Cross recommends using approved storage cabinets for combustible materials such as paint or duplicating fluid. "They should be stored by themselves away from a heat source and, if possible, they should be in a metal locker that's marked flammable," he said.

To report a fire on post, those using a government telephone should dial 117 and those using a non-government phone (such as in family housing or a bank here) should dial 876-2117. "All fires have to be reported whether we extinguish it or they extinguish it," Cross said.

residences in the four-unit dwelling located north of Goss Road.

No dollar estimate of the fire damage was available. Firefighters from Station 1 under Capt. Howard Reed and Station 2 under Capt. Edward Murks responded to the alarm at 7:30 a.m. and had the fire extinguished before 8:00.

Fire Prevention Week, being observed here Oct. 6-12, got off to a bad start.

Programs save money and missiles

BY ED PETERS

The Close Combat Systems Management Office here has substantially cut the cost of a night sight component by competing it.

The closed cycle cooler kit, a miniature air conditioner that fits on the Tow missile's night sight, cost nearly \$8,000 sole source but is now being purchased competitively for \$4,776.

The kits cost \$11,415 when first purchased in 1982. As producibility improved, "skillful negotiation" with the contractor, Texas Instruments, brought the price down incrementally to a low of \$7,866 each, according to Leroy Schnurbusch, chief of the CCSMO in Missile Logistics Center.

Competitively purchased, 1,160 kits are costing \$3,584,400 less than the lowest sole source price.

"In mid-year of 1984 we decided to compete because we suspected we could save money by going competitive but we didn't get producers qualified until March '85," Schnurbusch said.

CCSMO worked with two producers to qualify them but only one, Clifton Precision Instrument and Life Support Division, competed with and ultimately underbid Texas Instruments.

The closed cycle cooler kit is a modification that replaces bottled gas as a coolant for the night sight. The sight, explained John Langbehn, chief of the program and procurement management division in CCSMO, is "an infrared detector that picks up differences in heat and in order to do that it has to be kept quite cold."

Besides being used on Tow, the sight is also employed in other military applications for night viewing.

A second program at CCSMO has given a large number of faulty missiles a new lease on life and at a lower cost than had been anticipated.

A batch of 22,397 Dragon missiles had been rendered inaccurate by faulty side thruster rockets. A chemical in the propellant igniter had deteriorated, which delayed ignition, causing missiles in flight to veer to the right.

Worth \$7,100 each, the missiles needed new side thruster rockets but had not been designed and built to permit such repairs.

"It was an unknown. The round had been built one way — to be fired and that was it," said Schnurbusch, reflecting on problems that had to be solved in order to rebuild the missiles.

"One problem was to first get it out of the launch tube without tearing anything up," commented George Gastler, CCSMO's project engineer for the Dragon rebuild program.

The missiles had to be disassembled almost totally to replace the side thruster rockets. The CCSMO group and the rebuild contractor, McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co. in Titusville, Fla. made an engineering estimate that slightly more than eight percent or nearly 2,000 of the missiles would be ruined in the process but together they worked out dismantling and reassembly procedures that cut this loss to only 458 — about two percent of the missiles rebuilt.

Worth \$10 million

Thus were unexpectedly-salvaged 1,439 missiles worth more than \$10 million. "There are others that

we may be able to salvage but even at two percent we feel like we've had a very successful program," said Schnurbusch. As many as 300 of the 458 damaged missiles that were not rebuilt may be salvageable with some repairs to various components.

It cost \$19.8 million to repair the 22,397 missiles. Their replacement value is \$159 million.

The contract was awarded in May 1983 and the last lot of rebuilt missiles was delivered in August of this year.

Good procurement support, a close working relationship with the contractor and intensive management on both sides is credited with keeping problems to a minimum and finding fast solutions to those that were encountered.

"When technical problems surfaced we'd get together quickly to discuss how to solve them," said Schnurbusch.

CCSMO was careful to ensure that there were timely shipments of missiles to the rebuild facility and the contractor sent 25 missiles out of each monthly production lot of 2,500 to MICOM for acceptance testing. "We had excellent support from the range people. They even worked weekends" conducting the fly-to-buy tests, Gastler said.

Schedules had to be met and coordinated so that rebuilt missiles were available to replace those brought in from the field for repair.

"Time was critical," said Schnurbusch, "because we had to pull some of the missiles away from active units."

Military board studies AIDS

BY DONNA BOLINGER
American Forces Information Service

You've been injured in combat and are in desperate need of a blood transfusion. A medic turns to another service member as a blood source—only to find he's had contact with the AIDS virus. Should that medic go ahead with the transfusion?

Your unit is scheduled to be vaccinated in preparation for overseas deployment. The same vaccine that might prevent most unit members from getting a disease might give it to an AIDS victim, who can't build up immunity to the disease. Do you deploy or discharge that service member?

These are among the issues the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board will consider during a full review of the impact of AIDS — the acquired immune deficiency syndrome — on the military.

The board members, representing the country's leading research hospitals, will sift through the medical and ethical issues surrounding AIDS, a deadly disease that leaves its victims defenseless against infections, as well as some forms of cancer.

AIDS has frustrated and perplexed the medical community. Although its first manifestation in the United States was among homosexuals, AIDS has overstepped every sexual, social, economic and national bound-

Former cafeteria worker had AIDS

The Madison County health officer said Oct. 4 that a blood sample taken from a former Redstone cafeteria worker who died recently tested positive for the AIDS virus.

Dr. Lawrence Robey said there is no known danger to persons who ate in the cafeterias where the man worked or to his co-workers.

Medical authorities say there is no known instance of the AIDS virus being transmitted through food or objects touched by an AIDS carrier.

The only known ways that the AIDS virus can be passed from one person to another are through promiscuous sexual activity, through blood or blood products received in transfusion or through the use of contaminated needles injected into the body.

The man worked here from January 1984 until March 1985. He was a dishwasher who assisted on the serving line in the cafeterias in building 4488 and 5400 and in other cafeterias when necessary, according to Al Sessler, post restaurant officer. Health officials said the man later worked in a fast food restaurant in Huntsville.

According to Robey, the man died last month in Huntsville Hospital "of causes that have not been

linked to AIDS at this point." "The odds of any of the food service co-workers or anyone who worked with the guy becoming infected is going to be nil — not impossible but extremely small," Robey said.

"Current evidence shows that the virus is quickly inactivated by normal disinfecting agents. It seems to be inactivated by drying out, and it is inactivated by heat.

"We also know that, at this point, there has not been any documented case anywhere" of the disease having been transmitted by simply touching an object touched by an AIDS carrier, Robey said.

According to Dr. Irene Roan, chief of Occupational Health at Redstone:

"A person who has AIDS develops a deficiency in the immune system and they become susceptible to all types of opportunistic infections. Their bodies just can't fight off any type of infections."

The disease is most often transmitted by sexual contact and can also be spread through exchange of blood products and from contaminated needles, according to the medical official. "There's not a case that's been reported in the literature of spread...through food handling," Roan said.

dary to become a modern-day epidemic.

Three years ago, 1,200 AIDS victims were diagnosed in the United States. Today, more than 6,000 Americans have died from AIDS, and another 6,000-plus suffer from the disease. What particularly troubles medical experts is the unknown number of others who have yet to show symptoms.

AIDS has struck military personnel, dependents and DoD civilian employees. DoD health officials have diagnosed about 100 cases of AIDS among active duty personnel, many of whom already have died.

DoD health officials say that AIDS victims usually remain on duty as long as they are physically able to do their jobs. Victims whose health has begun to deteriorate generally are placed on temporary disability retirement, they said.

These victims usually receive treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Wilford Hall (Air Force) Medical Center, and Bethesda and San Diego Naval Hospitals, as well as Veterans Administration hospitals.

But AIDS presents a bigger challenge to the military — one of mission readiness. Takafuji pointed out that by its very nature, the military requires its members to be deployable worldwide. If increasing numbers of service members are unable to fight off simple infections, this places them at increased risk in combat and ultimately affects readiness.

Controlling the spread of AIDS has stumped

medical experts, who have little optimism about developing a vaccine within the next several years. Even if a practical vaccine is developed, one U.S. Center for Disease Control official pointed out that it would have to be administered to every resident of the country — even the world — to curb the disease's spread.

Meanwhile, educating the public about the disease appears to be the most promising method of preventing its spread. Takafuji said AIDS can afflict anyone who has sexual contact with many different partners — whether they are male or female, gay or straight.

"AIDS is no longer just a homosexual issue. It's becoming more and more recognized as a heterosexual disease also," explained Takafuji. "The more sexual partners someone has, the greater their risk of AIDS. The real issue is frequency of (sexual) contact with different partners."

Medical experts say the AIDS virus can also afflict drug users who share needles, infants born of AIDS victims, and patients who receive blood transfusions containing the AIDS virus.

Nearly 60 military blood donor centers and all other U.S. donor centers have taken steps to prevent the AIDS virus from entering the nation's blood supply. Since April, these centers have been using a new test to screen blood donors for the presence of AIDS an-

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Test equipment soldiers get new computer system

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Stateside TMDE military units have received training and hardware for a new computer system that is expected to improve their operation.

Representatives from the units came to Redstone for the training and left with the machines to put that knowledge to use. The computer system will next be provided to a maintenance battalion in the Pacific, a maintenance battalion in Europe, and then the group's stateside civilian activities.

The system is expected to improve support to TMDE customers, those units and soldiers who use test, measurement and diagnostic equipment. It is called the tactical Army combat service support computer system.

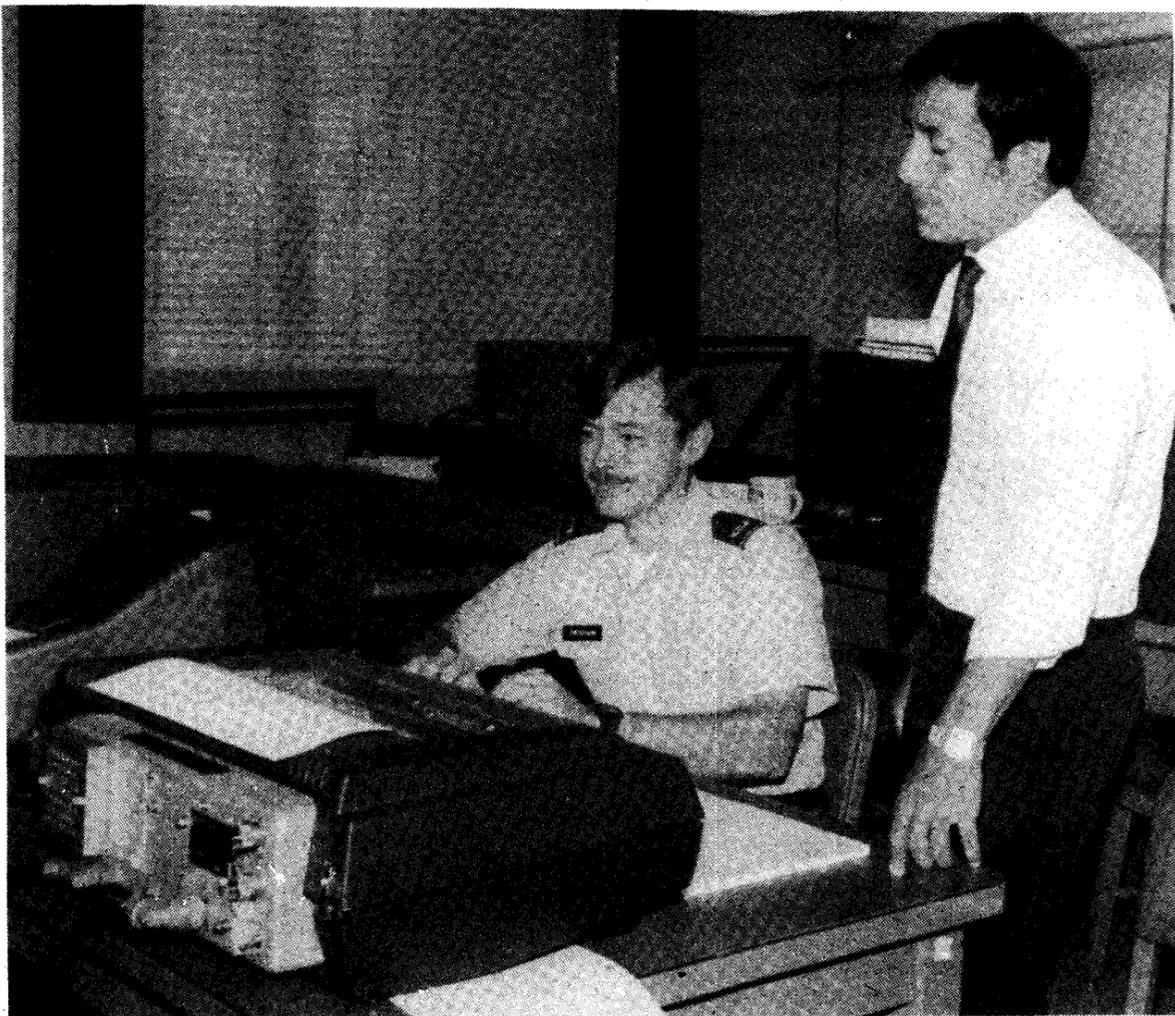
"This is the divisional computer and it'll be in support of divisional data processing," said Joe Rivamonte, chief of the systems analysis division of TMDE Support Group's Metrology Directorate. "It's just now being fielded in the Army. These are the very first units. It's designed for the harsh environment that you'd find in the field."

Each division's computer will be able to function on its own, according to Rivamonte. "We're going from centralized data processing to distributed data processing. The effect will be that it will make our teams virtually independent of any external data processing," he said.

In the past the divisions depended on ties with the Missile Command's computers. "We will continue to have a tie into the MICOM (Information Management Directorate) computers for tasks that are too large for these devices. But we're basically talking about a network of computers that roll up our team data processing activities through the respective companies and battalions back to the group here at Redstone," Rivamonte said.

The group's computer project, called the Calibration Repair Management Information System, began in 1982. "We transitioned to the TACCS (tactical Army combat service support computer system) hardware in May of '84," Rivamonte said. The prime contractor for this system is the Burroughs Corporation.

Representatives from each of the military divisional teams under 95th Maintenance Company had 13 days of computer training here that ended Oct. 2. Generally two soldiers—a detachment commander and an operator—came from each division. Sites represented included Forts Ord (Calif.), Polk (La.), Stewart (Ga.), Bragg (N.C.), Carson (Colo.), Lewis (Wash.), Riley



COMPUTER — CWO 3 Stephen Graham of Fort Hood works at computer terminal as Joe Rivamonte of Redstone looks on.

(Kan.), Campbell (Ky.), and Hood (Texas). Two divisions from Fort Hood were represented.

"For the most part we've been awaiting this system—we've been talking about it, looking forward to it—for about the last four years," said CWO 3 Stephen Graham, detachment commander of the area TMDE support team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood. "We've been needing something that would handle and let us use the information that we have available."

"Right now (the new computer system) is in its infancy," Graham said. "There are bugs in it but they

are not problems that can't be overcome with time and knowledge. I think it's got a lot of promise. This has been a learning experience for not only the students but the instructors."

His unit will be using the system "to maintain an overview of the equipment that we support within each division," according to Graham. "We'll be using it to provide listings of what the customers own, what is due for maintenance, what is delinquent or overdue, to identify problem areas and to provide better support overall to the divisions."

Before this system, his unit would have to transmit back to Redstone any update information from a customer and wait up to 45 days before finding out if the data was changed. Graham explained that the unit would only get its printouts on a monthly basis. With the new system, his unit can make the changes locally and be able to ensure the customer that the data is correct and updated.

"At our team level, we provide two major services. We provide accurate and working test equipment to the soldier. We also provide data listings to the supervisors to use as management tools," Graham said. "These listings are only good as long as they are accurate. The fielding of TACCS will allow us to ensure prompt and accurate management tools."

The system is scheduled to be fielded with the 74th Maintenance Battalion in Korea in November, with the 517th Maintenance Battalion in Germany in January 1986, and with the group's civilian support operations in the U.S. by September 1986.

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AIDS not confined to homosexuals

Medical officials say their knowledge of the origin of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is very incomplete. Apparently, AIDS is a recently developed disease, but its nature and beginnings are unclear. Evidence gathered suggests the appearance of the syndrome in 17 countries, with epidemics in Zaire, Congo, the U.S. and Haiti.

AIDS is evidenced by profound suppression of the immune system which leaves the body defenseless against bacterial invasion. Since specific symptoms are not always the result of an immune deficiency, classification may be difficult, say medical officials. Also, the definition eliminates those in the incubation period, about 18 months, who have a malfunctioning immune system but no apparent symptoms. These carriers may be unknowingly spreading the disease.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control, which keeps data on epidemics, was first alerted to acquired immune deficiency syndrome in March or April 1981. In June and July 1980, many cases were reported of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, kaposi sarcoma and other "opportunistic" infections, officials say. The most common disease found in patients with AIDS is pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, a parasitic disorder of the lung which had become an epidemic during World War II among malnourished children. This lung disorder is an often fatal, tropical disease that was uncommon in the U.S. prior to the appearance of AIDS.

Associated disease

Kaposi sarcoma is another disease associated with AIDS. It is evidenced by nodules or lumps on the skin and it usually affects the extremities. The disease was first discovered in 1872 among older eastern Mediterranean males and later in Africans of the Bantu Eastern tribes. Studies have shown cases to be concentrated in equatorial and southern Africa, especially in Zaire, Kenya and Tanzania. Frequency of kaposi sarcoma is 200 times higher in Africa than in the U.S., officials say. In African males, the disease is usually mild and treatable. But in patients believed to have AIDS it takes a new form, attacking young adults instead of the aged and aggressively destroying the internal organs.

All patients with pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, kaposi sarcoma or other opportunistic infections reported to the Centers for Disease Control shared a common factor. There was a severe breakdown of the immune system and an inability of the body to fight foreign invaders or destroy bacteria in the system. Cases in the U.S. were located in either New York or California and the death rate was as high as 50 percent. Attempts at treatment usually resulted in a short remission followed by reactivation of the same infec-



tion until it was fatal. Life expectancy after diagnosis was three years at the most.

Study conducted

From 1980 on, more and more cases continued to be reported, mostly among young homosexual males in New York, Miami, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Centers for Disease Control began research among homosexuals in 1981. A study comparing the lifestyles of AIDS patients and healthy homosexuals revealed differences in the average number of their sexual contacts. AIDS patients reported an average of 60 contacts per year, as compared with an average of 25 contacts per year for the control group. This led to the conclusion that a high number of "traumatic anorectal contacts" increases the risk of exposure to the AIDS agent, according to medical officials.

Guidelines for prevention were set: Decrease the number of sexual partners, use condoms to avoid contact with mucosal surfaces during intercourse and avoid rectal trauma. These measures might minimize if not eliminate contact with the agent, officials said.

Other victims

In fall 1981 and early 1982, intravenous drug abusers, hemophiliacs and Haitians also began showing symptoms of AIDS. The sharing of needles among drug abusers was believed to have been their source of contamination. Because patients with hemophilia suffer from improper coagulation of the blood, they receive a clotting agent, Factor VIII, which is prepared from the blood of multiple donors. It was likely they had been exposed to AIDS agent from transfusions,

officials said. But why Haitians? How did they fit in? They had not abused intravenous drugs excessively, had not received blood transfusions and had not engaged in homosexual intercourse. The symptoms, however, were the same: a faulty immune system, vulnerability to disease, and progressive and rapid disintegration.

The Centers for Disease Control classified Haitians as a high-risk group, a classification that created problems for them as they became society's outcasts, America's "untouchables." Many Haitians responded by often denying their country of origin.

Recently, a study conducted on a Miami sample indicated that the incidence of AIDS was not due strictly to homosexuality. Respondents showed high exposure to multiple heterosexual relationships, often with anonymous partners.

There is a high incidence of positive syphilis serology along with positive tests for hepatitis among individuals with AIDS, medical officials say. Hepatitis, an inflammation of the liver, is often transmitted through sexual intercourse; and many AIDS patients have also shown evidence of infectious hepatitis. It may be that all groups which have a high incidence of sexually transmitted diseases are likely to have a high incidence of AIDS.

Summary

In summary, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), a disease which robs the body of its ability to fight infection, was first discovered in the U.S. in 1979.

At first most of the cases were found among homosexuals so the disease was thought to be inherent to that population. Studies begun in 1981 by the Centers for Disease Control searched for factors which increased this group's vulnerability. Results showed that risk heightened with:

- * Exposure to casual or anonymous intercourse
- * Traumatic intercourse involving blood and feces
- * Multiplicity of sexual partners.

Soon, however, other groups were developing severe opportunistic infections. These groups were heterosexual drug addicts, heterosexual hemophiliacs and Haitian entrants. The presence of drug addicts and hemophiliacs gave rise to the "dirty needles" and "blood products" contamination theories.

The hypothesis may be advanced that groups which have a high incidence of sexually transmitted diseases are likely to have a high incidence of AIDS. (This article was prepared by Col. Edward M. Johnson, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital; Lt. Col. John Moskovites, chief of the department of nursing at Fox Army Community Hospital; and Dr. Irene Roan, chief of Preventive Medicine.)

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Big garden planted on former Army property

A ground-breaking ceremony was held Friday for the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden on land that previously belonged to Redstone.

The garden will be developed on a 110-acre site which was acquired from the Army in 1983.

Located at the corner of Patton Road and Bob Wallace Avenue, the land is adjacent to the Alabama Space and Rocket Center. The space center holds the title to the land, but is leasing it to the City of Huntsville for 90 years.

The planting of a southern magnolia during the ceremony marked the start of phase one of the garden, which will involve about 30 acres. Included in the first phase will be a model farm garden and display gardens of roses, iris, daylilies and wildflowers. A pavilion for meetings and classes, and a wedding bower will also be built during phase one. The Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden Society will operate the garden.

Participating in the planting were Mayor Joe Davis, City Council President Ernest Kaufmann, County Commission Chairman Mike Gillespie; Col. Robert O'Donnell, Missile Command chief of staff; and Harry Pennington, chairman of the Alabama Space Science Exhibit Commission.

"You are starting something here today that will have a place in the hearts of all Army families at Redstone," O'Donnell told the crowd.

The Rev. George B. Wood, associate priest of The Church of the Nativity, gave the invocation. He is a former Army chaplain and was a paratrooper in World War II.

Phase one of the garden is scheduled to be finished in three years.



FIRST SHOVELFUL — Breaking ground for the new Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden are, from left, Ernest Kaufmann, Mayor Joe Davis, Mike Gillespie, Harry Pennington, Col. Robert O'Donnell, and Botanical Garden Society President Evelyn Lucas.

Soldiers' pay update

WASHINGTON — President Reagan signed a Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA) Sept. 30 allowing the government to continue operating, but at the fiscal year 1985 budget level. The CRA, however, does not include the 3 percent military pay raise or any funding for new government programs.

According to an official at the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., the October mid-month paychecks are on their way to soldiers or their financial institutions. He said that if appropriate legislation is signed and in effect before Oct. 20, the October end-of-month paychecks will include the pay raise. (Arnews)

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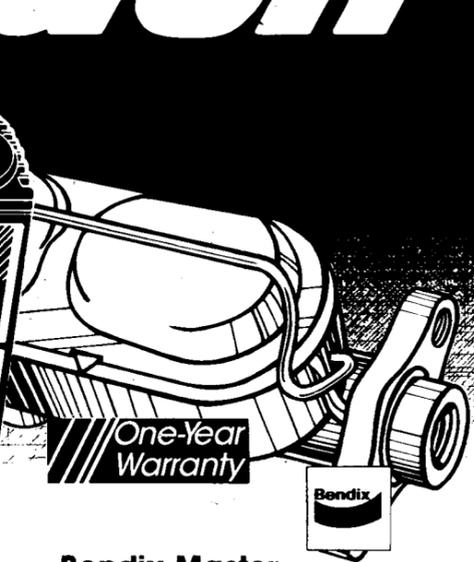
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Worker followed his parents' advice and never gave up

BY PAM ROGERS

It was something of a shock when prospective employers told Rodger Keene they wouldn't hire him because they felt he might not be able to do the job.

His qualifications weren't in question. He had a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mississippi State University. He was turned down because he's physically handicapped.

"I didn't realize I was handicapped until I started applying for jobs. All through life, I was just one of the crowd. I did things everyone else did. I almost laugh sometimes when I hear the word 'mainstreaming.' To me, that just means going to school. I went all through school, through college, in public schools. I never knew anything different," he said.

Keene, an auditor in the Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, is the Missile Command's Handicapped Employee of the Year for 1984. He gives his parents a great deal of the credit for his success in life.

"I was born with one arm and one leg. My parents carried me to different doctors, and it was basically the same story. 'Take him home and put him to bed, and that's where he'll be for the rest of his life,'" Keene said.

His parents didn't like the story they were hearing, so they took him to a Shrine hospital in Shreveport, La. After observing the boy for a while, doctors there designed an artificial leg, and reluctantly gave him some crutches.

"It was sort of a peg leg, and I never learned to walk on it very well," he said.

The crutches remained in a closet, unused, except when visiting children dragged them out to play with them.

"One day my cousin had the crutches out, playing with them, and the next day I crawled over to the closet and got them out. My dad came up with the idea of a board and strap on one, and later I had another artificial leg designed— one with a foot, and I can

walk on it, but the crutches have sort of become a crutch," he said with a chuckle.

With his new mobility, Keene was able to attend school, and participate in sports like football, basketball, baseball and tennis. When he was old enough to drive, his father made modifications to a car which allowed him to operate it.

"One thing my parents always taught me is you can do anything you want if you want to bad enough; that there's more than one way to tackle a problem," he said.

Keene, 37, began his government career as an intern in the comptroller's office at Fort Bragg, N.C. in 1970. While he was there he earned a master's degree in management and public administration from the Fort Bragg branch of Webster University. He came to Redstone five years ago.

He believes people may treat him a little differently at first, "until they get to know me and find out what I can do," he said. His duties as an auditor take him all over the arsenal. Keene doesn't sit behind a desk all day. "It's never boring and dull," he said.

He and his wife, Susan, have two children. Julia is 7, and John is 5. Keene is originally from Louisville, Miss., and his parents, Purvis and Juanita, still live there. Keene still enjoys playing tennis, and he coaches, and sometimes plays, softball. He's also a deer hunter.

Keene believes his experiences and upbringing have influenced the way he's raising his own children.

"I don't let my kids say they can't do anything. They try, and if they have a problem, then we work around it," he said.

Keene is proud of his independence and ability to take care of himself. His first job was 700 miles from home, and he said his parents worried about him at first, but then realized he could handle life on his own.

"I'm honored (to receive the award). It's not so much me, I feel I represent all the handicapped



A WINNER — Rodger Keene is MICOM's Handicapped Employee of the Year.

employees at MICOM. I'm just the one they selected. I'm sure all the others are just as qualified, and doing good jobs despite their handicaps," he said.

"I feel blessed being born in the United States. In another country I would have been an outcast. This country has more opportunities, and is more accepting," he said.

He also feels grateful for his parents' unwillingness to give up. Otherwise, "well, I might've been in a bed somewhere."

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Army discontinues Organizational Effectiveness program

WASHINGTON — On Oct. 1 the Army's Organizational Effectiveness (OE) Program was discontinued as a result of a decision earlier this year by Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. In addition to closing the Organizational Effectiveness Center and School at Fort Ord, Calif., the HQDA OE office has disbanded and publication of the "OE Journal" has ceased. OE is not dead, however.

"While our OE program is being disbanded as a

separate operating entity, its doctrine and technologies remain intact," said Barry L. Williams, one of the program's senior managers at the Pentagon. On Oct. 1, the Soldier Support Center (SSC) at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., became the proponent for OE training. OE classes will also be added to the curriculum at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Soon the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for

Operations and the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel will designate positions throughout the Army for which OE skills will be required, according to Williams. Officers assigned to these positions will receive either one or two weeks of OE training at SSC, depending on their specialties. Major commanders have the option of continuing OE-type activities using their own resources, he added. (Arnews)

Commissaries getting automatic checkout scanners

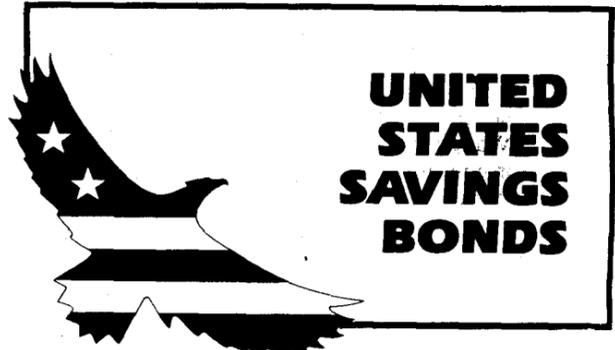
WASHINGTON — Military families will soon benefit from universal price code (UPC) checkout scanners which are being installed throughout the Army commissary network.

The scanner reads the UPC pre-printed on each product, automatically ringing up the price and compiling inventory data. Based on test results, said Tom Milks of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics' Commissary Team in the Pentagon, the scanning equipment significantly reduces commissary operating costs by shortening checkout time, reducing pricing and ring-up errors and eliminating manual pricing and inventorying of individual items.

Customers benefit, too, Milks said, as most commissaries will use money saved to extend operating hours. Lines will move more quickly, and cash register receipts will be detailed, identifying the item's purchase price.

According to Milks, overseas commissaries except Europe will begin receiving the equipment in October; European commissaries are slated to begin converting their checkout registers in September 1986; and 95 percent of the stateside commissaries will have the equipment by fiscal 1988. All commissaries should have scanners by fiscal 1991.

Eight commissaries in the United States have already installed the scanners. (Arnews)



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Reenlistment and promotion policies have changes

WASHINGTON — Reenlistment and promotion policies have been changed to standardize many of the criteria.

The changes were made Oct. 1 to eliminate separate standards for soldiers who could be eligible for promotion one day and ineligible for reenlistment the next, said Sgt. Maj. Robert C. Waugh of the Enlisted Programs Branch of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon.

One change that affects soldiers is the waiver policy. Soldiers who have courts-martial convictions, have been absent without leave or have had time lost will require a waiver for promotion or reenlistment. When a waiver is granted for one, a new waiver is not required for the other provided additional incidents do not occur, said Waugh. Soldiers no longer need Article 15 waivers for continued service.

Mid-career (formerly known as mid-term) soldiers must meet one of the trainability requirements to reenlist, he said. Mid-career soldiers are those on their second or subsequent enlistment who will have 10 years or less of active federal service at the time of reenlistment.

Trainability requirements are:

- * be a staff sergeant or on the promotion list for that rank; or
- * have a passing score on the latest Skill Qualification Test; or
- * meet the current general technical and aptitude area score standards. Soldiers tested on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) tests between Jan. 1, 1976 and Sept. 30, 1980, must have a GT score of 107 or higher and two other aptitude area scores of 90 or higher. If testing occurred before Jan. 1, 1976 or after Sept. 30, 1980, a GT score of 100 or higher and two other aptitude area scores of 85 or higher are required.

Waugh added that if a soldier eligible to reenlist is not recommended, the commander must initiate a bar to reenlistment. A bar can be imposed at any time and used as an effective tool to eliminate those soldiers who do not measure up to Army standards, Waugh said. He added that a bar to reenlistment can be removed at any time as well.

Soldiers will need a passing score on their most recent Army Physical Readiness Test before being pro-

moted or reenlisted. The test must not be more than nine months old on the date of promotion or reenlistment, Waugh said. The previous policy, said Waugh, only required the passing score for reenlistment.

And finally, mid-career soldiers who are placed on assignment instructions who do not meet the trainability requirements will no longer be eligible to extend their current enlistment to comply with the order.

Changes in the reenlistment policy are being incorporated into AR 601-280, Update 6. The promotion policy and procedure changes will appear in AR 600-200, Update 7, said Waugh. (Arnews)



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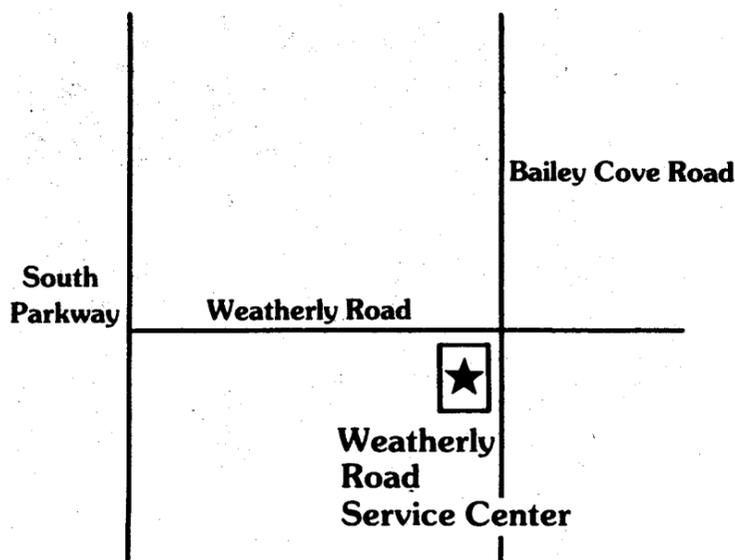
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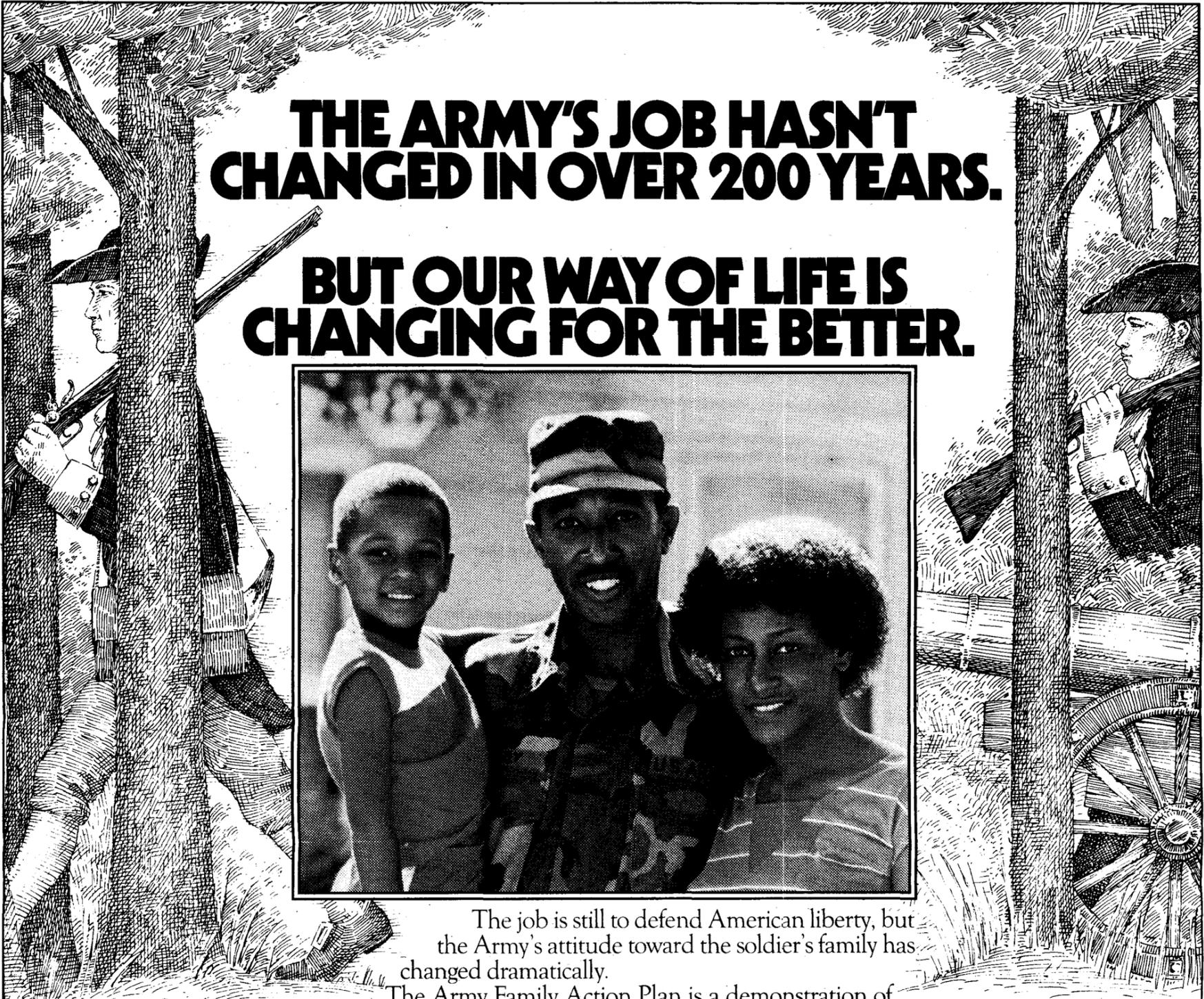
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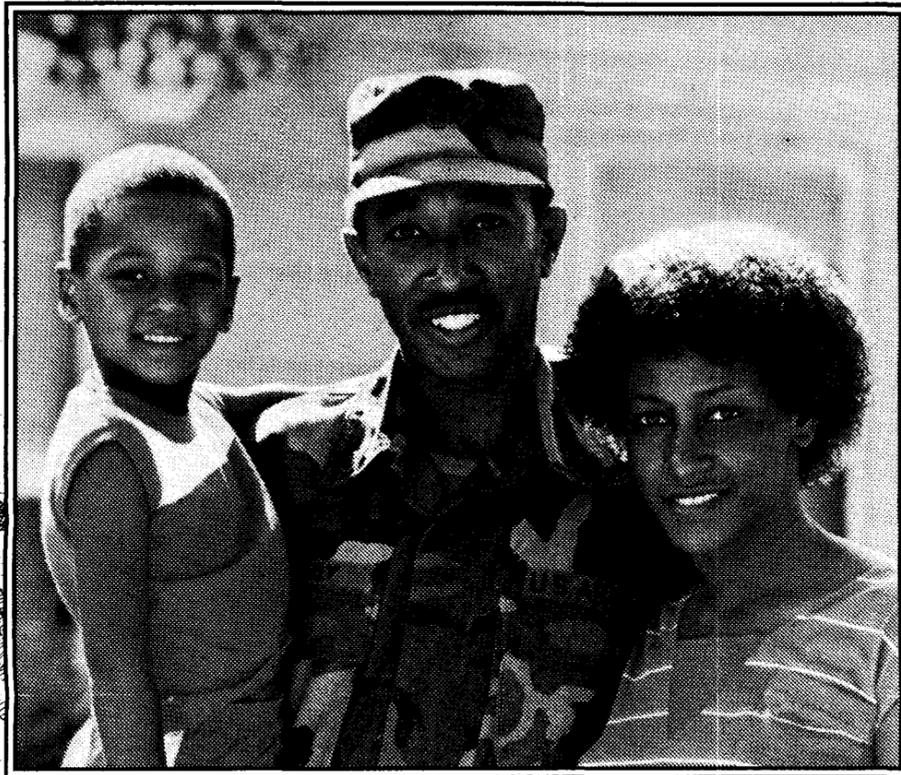
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Improvements eyed for new machine gun

WASHINGTON — Soldiers using the Army's newest machine gun have come up with sound ideas on how to make a good weapon better.

As a result, the Army is delaying further distribution of its new Squad Automatic Weapon [SAW], until it can make the changes soldiers would like to see.

"The changes will make the weapon more soldier-friendly," said Sergeant Major of the Army Glen E. Morrell. "We're doing this for the soldier."

Completing those refinements will take about 18 months, according to Maj. Joseph McKinney, who monitors the SAW and other small arms systems in the Office of the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

The one-man-portable, lightweight, high-fire-rate machine gun continues to receive praise from its users, McKinney pointed out. Several thousand copies of the Belgian-made M-249 SAW have been issued to selected units of the Rangers, Special Forces, airborne, and U.S. Marine Corps. Its greater range, stability and effectiveness as compared to the automatic mode of the M-16 rifle, along with its compatibility with the M-16's 5.56mm cartridges, have made it a hit among those troops who have it.

One unit training with the weapon is the 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger), at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. Soldiers with SAW experience say it's a good weapon, but in need of a few modifications.

"It shoots some good firepower, but you can't tell when it's out of ammo," said PFC Nelson DeLeon.

"The green ammo canister needs a little clear notch so we can tell when we're almost out."

Sp4 Chris Vacchio said, "I've had the weapon since June. It's a good weapon. I haven't had it jam on me. If you take care of it there's no problem. After firing a thousand rounds, just take the bolt out, wipe it down, take the barrel off and run a patch through it ... you don't have a problem. There's times when you'll be in water or mud and you get a barrel full of it, but she'll fire right off and not jam."

Sp4 Jeffrey York said, "It's the best weapon of its type, probably the best automatic weapon in the world. As long as you use it as it was designed for, to replace the M-16A1 at the automatic mode, you can't go wrong," he said. "It doesn't jam and it's got outstanding firepower. It's light, well designed. It's great for jumping (out of aircraft). With the M-60, you need to break it down; for the SAW, you leave the whole weapon intact." He knows of a few cases where the front sight broke during jumps. "They're fragile," he said. "And the carrying handle should have a swivel like the M-60 has." The SAW's handle is fixed on the barrel.

The fixes will allay such soldier concerns as the need for easier sight adjustment; a guard to protect the soldier's fingers from the hot barrel; making the bipod stay in the stowed position even when the weapon is jarred; and strengthening the aluminum stock so it doesn't bend or break when air-dropped. (Arnews)



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Parker wins mens golf championship

Charles Parker, a retired chief warrant officer two, has won Redstone Arsenal's mens golf club championship.

Parker shot a 73 and 77 for a two-day gross total of 150. The annual competition was held Sept. 28-29 at the post golf course.

Sixty-eight people played and the champion received a \$50 golf certificate, according to Capt. Shannon Johnson, co-chairman of the tournament committee. The co-chairman was Maj. Bill Brady.

Here are the winners in their respective flights: *Championship Flight*— Charles Parker, mens champion, 150; SSgt. Randy White, second low gross, 155; Malcolm Anderson, first low net, 146. *First Flight*— Gary Gardner (retired lieutenant colonel), first low gross, 158; Leasel Pawley (retired chief warrant officer three), second low gross, 159; Pete Dwyer (retired lieutenant colonel), first low net, 142. *Second Flight*—

Lloyd Wright (retired lieutenant colonel), first low gross, 165; James Lively (retired master sergeant), second low gross, 167; George Doritty (retired master sergeant), first low net, 148. *Third Flight*— Lt. Col. Charlie Vaughn, first low gross, 165*; Felix Milar (retired sergeant first class), second low gross, 165*; Maj. Sandy Faulkner, first low net, 141. *Fourth Flight*— Vic Vergara (retired master sergeant), first low gross, 169; Lloyd Jackson (retired captain), second low gross, 175; Maj. Bill Brady, first low net, 151. *Fifth Flight*— SFC Bill Burgess, first low gross, 174; SSgt. David White, second low gross, 183; Capt. Dave Purner, first low net, 150. *Sixth Flight*— SSgt. David Scott, first low gross, 181; CWO 4 Hubert Wright, second low gross, 186; and Fred Burrows (retired sergeant first class), first low net, 150.

*Tie resolved by comparing scorecards.

Automobile backing accidents blamed on inattention

BY PAM ROGERS

Collisions involving backing cars account for the highest percentage of vehicular accidents on Redstone Arsenal, according to the MICOM Safety Office.

Donnie Rogers, a safety and occupational health specialist, said all the backing accidents have been minor, and have involved other vehicles, but he fears that pedestrians could be involved in future incidents.

"There were 325 accidents investigated by the military police last fiscal year. Of those 325, 83 were backing accidents. That's 26 percent of the total," he said. The category with the second highest number of accidents is the deer-vehicle category, with 47 incidents last year.

The greatest number of backing accidents occurred in the parking lot which serves the post exchange and commissary. Seventeen such accidents occurred there in fiscal 1985. Rogers cites driver inattention as the cause of the collisions.

"They're caused by being in a hurry and not taking the necessary time to back safely. It's like most shopping centers, you've been fighting a crowd and you're ready to go home," he said.

There were no backing accidents in the last quarter of the fiscal year, a phenomenon Rogers attributes to a request that all commanders monitor parking lots in



LOOK BEFORE BACKING — Seventeen backing accidents occurred in this PX and Commissary parking lot last year.

their areas of responsibility for unsafe driving practices.

Here are some things the Safety Office suggests that drivers remember when backing.

* Take time to check your backing path, even if you have to get out of your car to do so. Then start backing before the situation changes.

* Check for oncoming traffic in both directions.

Don't assume everyone always follows the directional arrows in a parking lot. They don't.

* Back slowly!

* Don't trust your mirrors to measure distance. They can be deceiving.

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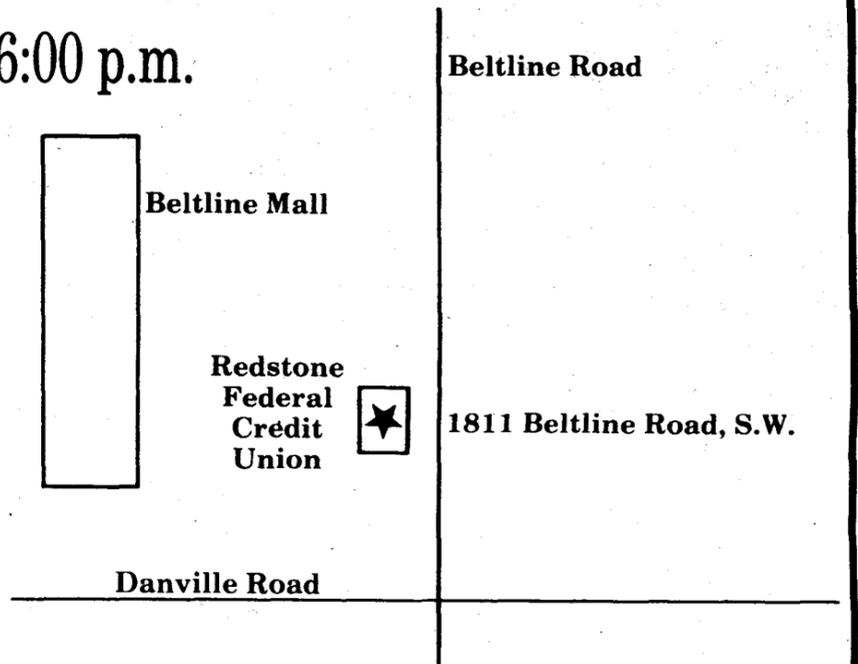
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Soldier promotion point rules change

WASHINGTON — Rules for recomputing promotion points to sergeant and staff sergeant were changed as of Oct. 1.

Last May, a policy change cut the point recomputation program from twice to once a year. "Now, soldiers who improve their administrative points by at least 50 points may request a recomputation at any time," said Sgt. Maj. Dennis Smith of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel Enlisted Programs Branch in the Pentagon.

The new policy also allows the soldier to request appearance before a promotion board six months after

the initial board appearance, the last recomputation or the last reevaluation, regardless of the amount of improvement in administrative points.

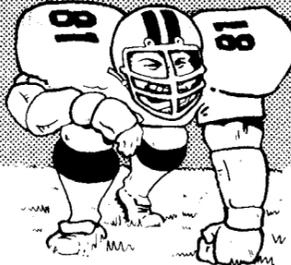
Promotion points will continue to automatically be recomputed annually, said Smith. Soldiers on the staff sergeant promotion list will have their points recomputed in May, while those on the promotion list for sergeant will have their points recomputed in February.

Full details on the policy change will be published in AR 600-200, Update 7, and can be obtained from the local military personnel office. (Arnews)



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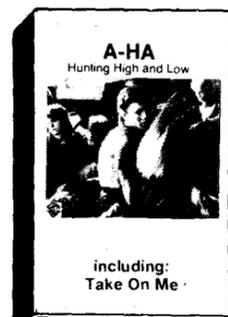
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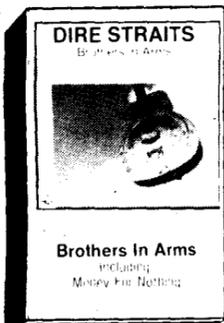
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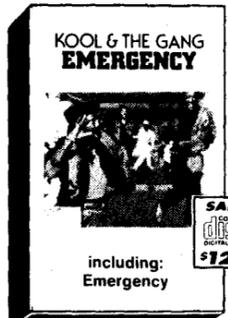
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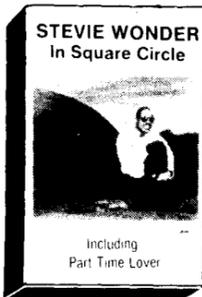
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Picker says Bama has edge over Penn State

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Two unbeaten teams will take the field when Alabama's Crimson Tide goes to Penn State this weekend.

Bama is led by quarterback Mike Shula, receiver Albert Bell, a wealth of talented running backs, and a stout defense. The Tide has wins over Georgia, Texas A&M, Cincinnati and Vanderbilt.

Penn State is also 4-0 with victories over Maryland, Temple, East Carolina and Rutgers. All were close, hard-fought contests. Alabama should have a slight edge in this one. The pick here is...Bama.

Speaking of winners, this prognosticator would like to congratulate Grambling Coach Eddie Robinson on becoming the winningest coach in the history of college football.

Skip's Picks last week delivered a 30-6 record, lifting the overall marks to 115-48-4 for 71 percent. Here are this week's picks for selected games in major college football:

- Alabama at Penn State— Bama by 3.
- Air Force at Navy— Air Force by 7.
- Utah at Arizona State— ASU by 14.
- Arkansas at Texas Tech— Ark. by 10.
- Boston College at Army— Army by 7.
- Florida State at Auburn— Auburn by 3.
- Tennessee at Florida— Fla. by 3.
- Baylor at Southern Methodist— SMU by 1.
- San Diego State at Brigham Young— BYU by 14.
- Washington at California— Wash. by 7.
- Cincinnati at Miami (Fla.)— Miami by 21.
- Virginia at Clemson— Virginia by 3.
- Missouri at Colorado— Colo. by 10.
- Duke at South Carolina— SC by 7.



- Georgia at Ole Miss— Georgia by 10.
- Houston at Texas A&M— Texas A&M by 7.
- Illinois at Purdue— Purdue by 4.
- Indiana at Ohio State— OSU by 3.
- Iowa at Wisconsin— Iowa by 14.
- Mississippi State at Kentucky— Ky. by 3.
- Louisiana State at Vanderbilt— LSU by 14.
- Southern Miss at Louisville— So. Miss by 10.
- Tulane at Memphis State— Memphis by 13.

- Michigan at Michigan State— Mich. by 14.
- Minnesota at Northwestern— Minn. by 7.
- Nebraska at Oklahoma State— Neb. by 3.
- Wake Forest at North Carolina— NC by 4.
- North Carolina State at Pitt— Pitt by 7.
- Texas Christian at Rice— TCU by 3.
- Rutgers at Temple— Temple by 10.
- Oklahoma at Texas— Okla. by 1.
- UCLA at Stanford— UCLA by 14.

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<p>'82 BUICK WAGON Redwood 4 door, 55,000 miles, Loaded, Nice!! REG. PRICE...\$7,480 SAVE SALE.....\$6,200 \$1,280</p>	<p>'82 TRANS AM Grey, T-tops, auto, air, 37,000 miles. REG.....\$9,990 SAVE SALE.....\$8,800 \$1,180</p>	<p>'85 MAZDA GS 5-speed, air and loaded, 8,000 miles!! LIST.....\$13,990 SALE.....\$12,300 SAVE \$1,690</p>	<p>'84 CADILLAC Sedan DeVille Azure Blue, Loaded!! LIST.....\$14,900 SALE.....\$12,880 SAVE \$2,020</p>
<p>'82 FIREBIRD Black, V-8, 50,000 miles. Super nice!! REG. PRICE.....\$7,400 SALE.....\$6,400 SAVE \$1,000</p>	<p>'84 OMNI GLH Black 4 door, 5-speed and loaded. REG. PRICE.....\$7,480 SALE.....\$6,100 SAVE \$1,380</p>	<p>'83 LINCOLN TOWN CAR 4 door, Maroon, Loaded!! LIST.....\$14,900 SAVE SALE.....\$13,600 \$1,300</p>	<p>'85 CUTLASS Supreme 2 door, White/Blue interior, 9,000 miles. LIST.....\$10,990 SAVE SALE.....\$9,700 \$1,290</p>
<p>'83 MONTE CARLO Brown 2 door, 1 owner and nice! LIST.....\$7,980 SAVE SALE.....\$7,200 \$780</p>	<p>'85 SUNBIRD Silver 2 door, 5-speed and air, 15,000 miles, 1 owner LIST.....\$9,980 SAVE SALE.....\$8,500 \$1,480</p>	<p>'82 CADILLAC Sedan DeVille, Blue, 32,000 miles, Local car. LIST.....\$12,900 SAVE SALE.....\$11,400 \$1,500</p>	<p>'84 CUTLASS CALAIS 2 door, Gray, T-tops and loaded, 19,000 miles. LIST.....\$11,400 SAVE SALE.....\$9,900 \$1,500</p>

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Cigarette price raised again

A nickel-per-pack cigarette price increase, the second in six months, will take effect Oct. 14 at Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores.

The price of king and regular size cigarettes will increase from \$7.50 to \$8 a carton. Cartons of 100 mm and 120 mm cigarettes will be raised from \$7.75 to \$8.30.

Individual packs in all lengths will increase from 90 to 95 cents. Generic cigarettes will continue to be sold for 55 cents per pack and carton prices will remain at \$4.60 for kings and \$4.80 for 100 mm.

The new prices reflect price increases by the major

tobacco companies and do not apply to tax-free cigarettes sold in exchange stores overseas, according to AAFES.

Manufacturers also raised prices earlier this year, and on March 30 cigarettes sold in exchange stores went from 85 to 90 cents with corresponding increases in carton prices.

The exchange service recently added "mid-priced" Doral cigarettes to its stock assortment. Like the generics, these did not increase in price and sell for \$5.60 a carton for kings and \$5.80 for 100 mm. Individual packs in both lengths are 75 cents.

Flag football

Here are the troop flag football standings as of Oct. 3:

Eastern Conference		
	Won	Loss
HHC	6	0
C Company	5	0
7th Students	3	1
Marines	3	2
Meddac	2	3
Western Conference		
	Won	Loss
A Company	4	0
6th Students	4	1
B Company	3	1
515th	2	3
291st	2	4
4th Students	1	4



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COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTR.
BUS 368	Business & Its Environment	Instr. Perm	Smalley
CIS 150*	Intro. to Programming BASIC	None	Jones
ENG 104**	Developmental English	None	Yates
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COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTR.
BUS 350	Business Finance	BUS 281; MA 150	Smalley
CIS 320	Systems Analysis & Design	CIS 280	Jones
ENG 111	English Composition I	None	Yates
HIS 101	Western Civilization I	None	Saunders
PSY 480	Group Processes	PSY 101	May

TUESDAY/THURSDAY 5:00 TO 7:30 PM

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTR.
BUS 362	Organizational Behavior	BUS 330	Foster
CIS 170	Intro. to Computer Info. Systm.	None	Thomas
CJ 451	Mgmt. of Criminal Justice Agn.	CJ 101	Moon
ENG 112	English Composition II	ENG 111	Mills
HIS 302	The American Consitution	None	Cushman

TUESDAY/THURSDAY 7:30 TO 10:00 PM

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTR.
BUS 310	Principles of Marketing	None	Shepard
CIS/BUS 393	Mgmt. Information Systems	BUS 150	Thomas
GOVT 340	Judicial Process	None	Traylor
SOC 111	General Sociology	None	Bill

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This month in history

- 44 years ago:** The Redstone Ordnance Plant was activated (Oct. 6, 1941), with Maj. Carroll D. Hudson as its first commander. Ground breaking ceremonies for construction of the Ordnance manufacturing facility occurred on Oct. 25, 1941.
- 36 years ago:** The secretary of the Army approved the transfer of the Ordnance R&D Division, Sub-Office, Rocket, from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Redstone Arsenal (Oct. 29, 1949). The Fort Bliss group included some 120 German scientists who had come to the United States in "Operation Paperclip" during 1945-46.
- 35 years ago:** The Fort Bliss group completed the move to Redstone Arsenal, expanding the arsenal's R&D mission to include both rockets and guided missiles (Oct. 31, 1950).
- 28 years ago:** The secretary of Defense elect, Neil H. McElroy, Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker, and other top defense officials were visiting Redstone Arsenal when the Russians put up their first Sputnik the night of Oct. 4, 1957.
- 26 years ago:** Juno II Vehicle AM-19A placed a 91.5-pound satellite (Explorer VII) in orbit (Oct. 13, 1959).
- 25 years ago:** Maj. Gen. August Schomburg, commander of the Army Ordnance

Missile Command (AOMC), pressed a button, a model Nike Zeus missile intercepted a model Jupiter missile, and the explosion severed a red ribbon, officially opening building 5250 as the Army Rocket & Guided Missile Agency (ARGMA) Headquarters (Oct. 15, 1960). (Building 5250 became the AOMC Headquarters following inactivation of ARGMA and ABMA in December 1961.)

- 21 years ago:** The Tow Project Office was established (Oct. 1, 1964).
- 20 years ago:** Two Conus Strategic Army Corps Basic Hawk units were deployed to Vietnam (October 1965).
- 13 years ago:** The Improved Hawk weapon system began replacing the Basic Hawk which had been in the field since August 1960 (Oct. 1972).
- 8 years ago:** The General Support Rocket System (now Multiple Launch Rocket System) Project Office was established (Oct. 1, 1977).
- 5 years ago:** The Air Defense Command and Control Systems (ADCCS) Project Office transitioned from the US Army Communications Research and Development Command to the US Army Missile Command (Oct. 1, 1980).

Compiled by, *Mary T. Cagle*
Command Historian

Army to test new soldiers for AIDS

WASHINGTON — Anyone applying to enter the Army and some new soldiers now will be screened for the virus associated with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

"Individuals with positive test results at the Military Entrance and Processing Command stations (MEPCOM) will be denied entry to the Army and will be referred to their private physicians," said Lt. Col. Gary M. Quay, a personnel staff officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon. "New soldiers tested at Training and Doctrine Command initial schools having positive test results will be discharged."

Blood samples will be drawn by medical specialists for all recruits who have entered the training base on or after Oct. 1, Quay said. On Oct. 10 the Damon Clinical Laboratories, a civilian contracted facility

headquartered in Nedham, Mass., will begin conducting Food and Drug Administration-approved tests for the presence of Human T-Lymphotropic Virus Type III (HTLV-III) antibodies at the eight Training and Doctrine Command basic training centers, he said.

Screening and testing will expand on Oct. 15 to prospective recruits throughout MEPCOM and new soldiers going through initial Training and Doctrine Command schools, he added. "Our plan is to have the test be part of the initial physical exam conducted at Military Entrance Processing stations," Quay said. "However, we will test new soldiers at initial training posts for those who did not get tested at MEPCOM stations."

The blood screening effort by the Army is part of the Department of Defense's new policy on HTLV-III testing. (Arnews)

Study

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antibodies in the blood. No blood identified as "positive" — meaning its donor has been exposed to the virus — is added to the blood bank.

A new agreement between DoD and civilian blood agencies that collect blood on military bases will require these agencies to notify military physicians if blood donated by active duty personnel tests positive.

Service members labeled "positive" during testing are counseled by a trained physician on reducing the risk of spreading the virus and recognizing symptoms of AIDS. Medical officials stress that exposure to the virus does not necessarily mean that a potential blood donor has or will acquire AIDS.

Under the agreement, these civilian groups may re-

quire donors to complete a form worded to screen out AIDS victims or possible AIDS victims. Those who object may leave without an explanation, according to health officials.

Medical officials say these precautions offer the most promising methods of preventing the spread of AIDS through the nation's blood supply, but do not guarantee that blood transfusions will be free of the virus.

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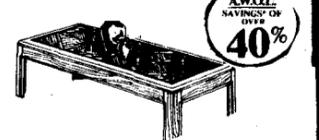
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Announcements

OWC Garden Club

The Officers Wives Club (OWC) Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at the home of Gerdy Wyatt, 1319 Chandler Road SE. Gary Murray, of the Madison County Extension Service and garden columnist for *The Huntsville Times*, will discuss "Landscaping with Bulbs." For more information call Wyatt 881-8254 or Atty Allred, garden club president, 882-6286.

Stress management

A "Coping With Christmas" stress management course will be offered by Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy Program. The classes will run for five consecutive weeks. Each session will last an hour and a half with the first one beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. The main goal of the classes is to reduce stress and pressure that often accompanies the holiday season. Classes are open to active duty and retired military people, their spouses and Defense Department civilians on a space available basis. To register call Shirley Mohler 876-9289.

Economy couples

The Economy Couples Club, for soldiers in grades E-1 through E-4 who are married and live off post, will meet at 4 p.m. Oct. 13 at Post Chapel.

School Brigade wives

The School Brigade wives are sponsoring a tour of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School open to OMMCS officer, NCO, and civilian spouses. It will be held at 9 a.m. Oct. 22 in building 3495 (Toftoy Hall). For reservations (required by Oct. 17), call Dorothea Voda 837-3109, Bev Paul 830-4471, Martha Nell 852-4311 or Marliese Lizana 882-3168.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous has a "happy hour" meeting Friday afternoons at 5:15 in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel. This is an open discussion meeting. Anyone interested in the subject of alcoholism is invited to attend.

Learning center

The Learning Resource Center offers a two-part Plato course in Basic Programming Language. Part I, which is 20 hours, introduces the language to the student and teaches how to perform math operations and input/output. Along with introducing basic programming techniques, Part II (25 hours) presents an alternate method for providing numerical data to a program. To apply for the course, submit a DD form 1556 to AMSMI-CP-TC/LRC, building 7446 or call 876-1061/1416.

Kappas

The Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at 529 Church St. NW. For more information call T.C. Dixie 859-2436, John Beale 852-0799 or Toney Guley 852-3189.

Recreation Center

Tonight—*Ping Pong Tourney* at 7. Thursday—*Video Game Contest* at 7, *Bingo* at 7. Friday—*Dart Tourney* at 7. Saturday—*Belly Dance Class* at 10 a.m., *Chess Tourney* at 2:30. Sunday—*Risk Contest* at 2:30. Monday—*Holiday Party* (Columbus Day) at 3:30. *Trivia Quiz* at 7. Tuesday—*Pool Tournament* at 7.

Oktoberfest

The Covenant School of Fine Arts "Oktoberfest" will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2002 Westmeade SW, Decatur. This German festival of music and hors d'oeuvres will feature performances by faculty and friends of Covenant. Admission is \$5 and will benefit the Covenant School of Fine Arts Scholarship Fund. For reservations, call Maris Vanasse at Covenant 355-6310.

Celebrity roast

The Huntsville Press Club will hold its second annual celebrity roast on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Von Braun Civic Center Playhouse. Cash bar starts at 7:30 p.m. with the program at 8. This year's event will feature humorous jabs by news media representatives on roast victims who include Mayor Joe Davis, County Commission Chairman Mike Gillespie, and other local city and county officials. Tickets are \$5 and the proceeds go toward a scholarship fund for high school journalism students. For tickets call Skip Vaughn 876-4161.

Top graduates

The Honor and Distinguished graduates of OMMCS courses during the week of Sept. 23-27 were SSgt. Charles Pennington and SSgt. Eugene Kovach, nuclear weapons maintenance leader; Pvt. David Faires and PFC Morgan Mathis, Tow/Dragon repairer 121-27E10/37; Pvt. Bruce Jones II and Pvt. Arlis Steel, Tow/Dragon repairer 121-27E10/36; Pvt. David Stough and Pvt. Christopher Lacroix, ammunition specialist; Sgt. Norman Burgess and SFC Samuel Trull, Pershing II electronic repair transition; Sp4 Thomas Lambrecht and SSgt. Douglas Kim, Pershing II electrical mechanical transition.

Surplus sale

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property Oct. 16 at building 7427 on Warehouse Road. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins at 9:00. Some of the items for sale are valves, partitions, doors, cabinets, air conditioners, electric motors, lockers, floodlights, ladders, pushcarts, refrigerators, shelves, golf carts, truck beds, tires and vehicles. Items for sale are located at the Property Disposal Yard (building 7408) and may be inspected daily from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. except weekends and holidays.

Doll car seat recalled

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is recalling a doll car seat manufactured by the Goldberger Doll Co. because a leg strap, if broken, could cause a small parts ingestion hazard. Exchange customers who bought one of the doll car seats can return it for a full refund.

Used equipment sale

The Post Exchange has available for negotiated sale, in as-is condition, a 1979 Ford station wagon, a 1974 Chevrolet step van, gasoline dispensers, island shelters, miscellaneous retail fixtures, tables, chairs and a space vacuum. Items may be inspected at the exchange warehouse in building 7423 and motor pool in building 3363 during Oct. 15-17 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. Oct. 18 and must be accompanied by a 10 percent deposit in the form of cash, money order, bank draft or certified check. To inspect the items or for more information call Ann Mims at 883-6100.

Volunteers needed

Morris Elementary School needs Red Cross volunteers to work in the school clinic an hour or two per week. For information call 532-4796. The school's conference week is Oct. 14-18. Parents who have a conference with a teacher will receive their child's report card at the time; official report card day is Oct. 18.

General Rankine visits

Brig. Gen. Robert R. Rankine Jr., the Air Force's special assistant for the Strategic Defense Initiative, will visit Huntsville Oct. 15 and speak at a "Joint Air Force Night Dinner" of the AIAA and ROA at 6:30 p.m. at the Officers Club. His speech topic is, "The Strategic Defense Initiative: Prospects for Deterrence and Arms Control." Tickets are \$12. For tickets call by noon Oct. 14 Dr. Oskar Esserwanger, 876-4872, Loudell Cameron, 532-1617, or Debbie Burroughs, 532-2179.

Acquisition symposium

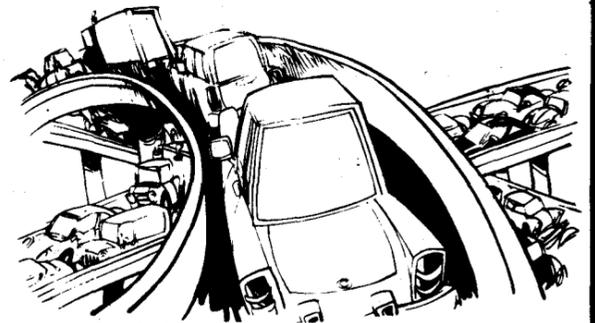
A symposium on government acquisition sponsored by the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will be held Nov. 6-7 at the Huntsville Hilton. The program will cover recent developments in government contracts, government acquisition reform and other topics of interest to the government contracts community. The cost is \$80 for members and \$85 for non-members of the Federal Bar Association. For more information call Marv Cates, 876-4237.

Obituary

Roy Hollihan

Roy Hollihan, longtime president of Redstone Federal Credit Union, died Wednesday, Oct. 2 at Humana Hospital. He was 59. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. For the past 28 years, Hollihan served as president of the credit union. Under his direction, Redstone Federal Credit Union grew to be the largest federal credit union in Alabama. Survivors include his wife, Jeannine; three sons, Michael Roy Hollihan of Birmingham, Mark Claude Hollihan of Miami, and Jon Charles Hollihan of Huntsville; a daughter, Suzanne Rochelle Hollihan of Huntsville; his mother, Mrs. S.A. Hollihan, and a sister, Eleanor Rayner, both of Miami.

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Metals group

The North Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Metals will meet on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the SC Company, on Highway 20 west of the Teledyn Wah Chang Plant. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by a tour of the plant. For more information call Tim Volin 881-2040 (ext. 265).

ACS luncheon

On Oct. 16, the Army Community Service office will be closed from 11:45 to 1:15 so that volunteers and staff may attend the ACS awards luncheon.



HONORED — Lt. Col. Eberhard Guntsch, commander of the German Air Force detachment here, celebrated his 26th year of serving in the Luftwaffe, the German Air Force, on Oct. 1. Guntsch was presented with the traditional certificate and check from the German Minister of Defense in recognition of his military service. A reception was held to honor Guntsch at the "Soldatenstube," the German trailer, on Redstone Arsenal.

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DISPLAY — Mike Crowe, an electronics engineer in Research Directorate, looks at models of Army hardware in a display tent that was part of MICOM's Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry held Oct. 1-2. The briefing, con-

ducted every three years, is to keep industry representatives informed of the Army's long-range development objectives and goals.

Bowling standings

Here are the troop bowling standings after last week's games:

Tuesday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
C Company-1	24.5	0.5
A Company-1	21	4
TMDE	17	8
515th-1	16.5	8.5
Marines-1	16	39
4th Student Company-2	13	12
4th Student Company-1	12	13
291st MPs	9	16
95th	8.5	16.5
6th Student Company-1	8	17
515th-2	4	21
4th Student Company-3	0.5	24.5
200 games bowled on Oct. 1:		
Keith Deering	213	
Phillip Wethington	208	
Chris Holt	203	
Thursday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
Marines-2	45	5
A Company (E&TTD)	42	8
B Company-1	33	17
6th Student Company-2	23	27
7th Student Company	23	27
MEDDAC-2	20	30
5th Student Company	20	30
C Company-2	19	31
MEDDAC-1	19	31
B Company-2	18	32
MEDDAC-3	15	35
MEDDAC-4	9	41
200 games bowled on Oct. 3:		
Jim Stracke	214	
Keith Wartens	210	
Phillip Candelaria	200	

Soldier no longer suspected in rape

Sp4 Joseph Lee Danrich, a Missile Command soldier jailed six weeks ago on a rape charge, has been freed and is no longer a suspect in the case.

"He has been released from pretrial confinement and is not considered to be the subject of the offense," said Capt. Rankin A. Clinton Jr., an attorney in the Staff Judge Advocate Office here.

Danrich, 24, was the suspect in a sexual assault that occurred on post Aug. 19 and was arrested by CID in-

vestigators after the woman victim picked him out of a police line-up.

Danrich has been incarcerated since Aug. 23 at Fort Campbell, Ky., awaiting court martial for sex-related crimes and kidnapping. He was freed Oct. 4 and was scheduled to receive on Monday or Tuesday a promotion to sergeant that he became eligible for upon release. Danrich is a member of HHC MICOM.

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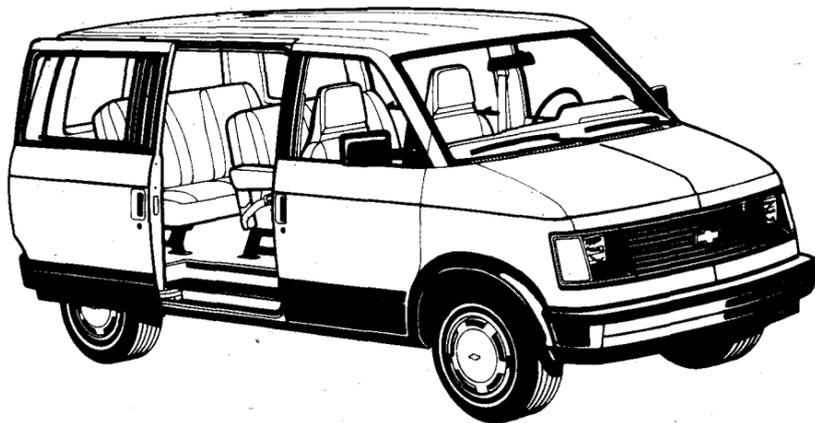
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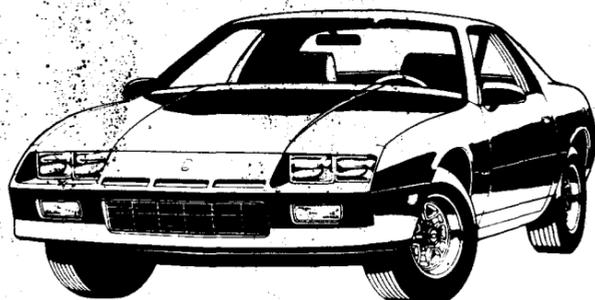
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