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Basic skills program takes classes to students

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The basic skills education program here has added a new feature— a traveling teacher.

Not only do students go to class, now a teacher can go to them. Upon request, the traveling teacher will go to a unit to teach such things as effective writing or math.

"It's BSEP on the go," said Jean Summers, coordinator of the basic skills education program. She mentioned the Reaching for Excellence motto for Army education. "The sergeant majors who have responded to the traveling teacher have made a commitment to that goal," Summers added.

Goals for the traveling teacher concept are to "reduce attrition in AIT (advanced individual training) and provide enhanced competency at the midlevel NCO," she said.

"One of the reasons we have been able to respond with this traveling teaching in a number of different ways is we ourselves are taking the training. We're sitting through their military classes. And we can respond to the needs that they (the instructors) themselves don't have time to address," Summers said.

Since October, a traveling teacher has been giving a math refresher class and a math pretest for advanced individual training students. An effective writing class began recently for the land combat department at the missile school. The traveling teacher is also conducting an effective writing class for instructors in the explosive ordnance disposal division, munitions department.

Lola Haas is the traveling teacher. She is among 16 teachers in the basic skills education program. "My main emphasis is traveling to the units and teaching the skills they want taught to their permanent party people," Haas said. This can include anything from effective writing to reading comprehension to math skills to language skills.

Haas conducts her effective writing class twice a week at land combat department and twice a week at the explosive ordnance disposal division. She conducts her math session once a week for incoming students at Toftoy Hall.

"At this time, I'm only traveling in the mornings and I teach math in this (BSEP) building in the afternoons," Haas said. She takes her materials to class in a two-wheeled shopping cart similar to one she had in Germany. She carefully loads the cart with such things as file folders, books, paper, pencils and dictionaries. "And a thermos of coffee," Haas added.

The Marion, N.C., native is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "My husband's in the Army so I've taught military all over the world; I've taught in Korea and in Germany," she said. Her husband, CWO 4 Les Haas, is a helicopter pilot stationed in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division. Their son Greg, 15, is a freshman at Butler High School.

"I'm enjoying it now, I've met a lot of interesting students," Haas said, referring to life as a traveling teacher. "My students in EOD are really sharp. I have to do three or four hours of preparation before I go in



TEACHER— Lola Haas, the traveling teacher, takes her books to class in a two-wheeled shopping cart.

for a two-hour class for them— to make sure I have all the answers.

"I don't enjoy it (traveling teaching) in the rain,"

she said, adding that loading and unloading the cart in the rain isn't much fun. "Hopefully I won't have to do it in the snow."

Travel advances limited for charge card eligibles

Civilian and military travelers eligible for Diners Club Army charge cards will automatically be limited to 40 percent advances for per diem, according to finance and accounting officials.

Diners Club International is a standard credit card used to pay for lodging, rental cars, and when possible, to pay for meals and other miscellaneous expenses. The charge card program was tested for about a year and a half on an optional basis. The difference now is the mandatory 40 percent advance for people eligible for the card, according to Norris Christopher, a systems accountant. This change is to go into effect Jan. 12.

"It's not mandatory that they apply for the card," Christopher said "but it is mandatory that we only give them a 40 percent advance."

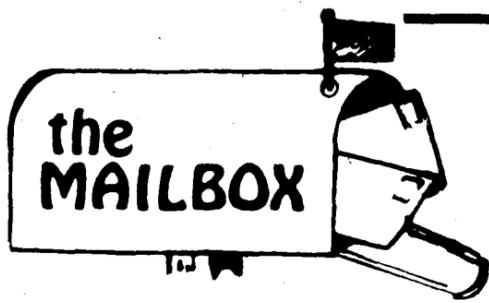
All military in pay grades E-7 and above and all civilians in grades GS-11 (or its equivalent) and above are considered eligible travelers for the Diners Club charge card. Commanders may approve the use of charge cards for people in grades E-6 or GS-10 and below.

"All eligible travelers will be limited to an advance of 40 percent of per diem, plus 100 percent of other reimbursable expenses, excluding rental car, when traveling to continental United States installations or

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Point missed

Editor:

I was delighted to find a response in the *Rocket* to my letter about misspelled signs. The letter and other phone calls were all from NCO's. It proved that at least a portion of the Army was educated. I was also happy to see all the signs corrected.

My point, though tongue in cheek, was apparently missed. I agree that a platoon should know how to use its weapons, but if the written order tells you to take Stassfurt, and by misreading, you attack Erfurt—losing all your platoon, have you accomplished the mission?

We continually get come-back copies of important messages sent out of MICOM with misspellings that completely change the meaning. Education is basic, and a college degree is not necessary to be able to spell "Jackpot" correctly. How many troops can read—and understand—a complicated written order? Must we depend only on NCO's to run the Army?

I repeat—a misspelled public sign is an indication of a basic lack of education that reflects unfavorably on all Redstone Arsenal personnel, soldiers and civilians!

Graydon K. Parker

Good work

Editor:

I would like to give recognition to a job well done. In case "Rocket Readers" are wondering who did the terrific drawing for the annual MICOM Christmas party which will be held on Dec. 12—it was Miss Irma D. Wilson of System Engineering Analysis Division, building 5400. Thanks, Irma, we really do appreciate the good work.

Ed Jackson
Engineering Services Division

Small wonder

Editor:

Just like it was in Diogenes' Day! Boesky has agreed to pay a penalty for illegal insider trading in the stock market. The amount of the fine? A staggering, unprecedented \$100 million!

They do other things big in the Big Apple. That goes for other ripoffs, too. Another shocking instance

that's just come to light involves a municipal skating rink in New York's famed Central Park. In 1980 it was closed by the city for a two-year repair job, to cost \$4.9 million. Six years and \$12.9 million later, the new design was scrapped, and the city announced it would take two more years and \$3 million more to do the repair job.

Enter Donald Trump, the flamboyant developer and multimillionaire. He challenged the city with an offer to do the job himself, at his cost! Two weeks ago—three and a half months after he launched his private effort and \$750,000 under budget—the \$2.8 million rink was completed and reopened with fanfare. Trump turned it over to Mayor Koch, who promised an investigation into the squandered municipal millions.

Much smaller potatoes was the ripoff admitted last month by that retired Army supply sergeant from Fort Lewis, Wash. At his trial, he said he personally loaded an Army truck with more than \$24,000 worth of weapons and ammunition and peddled it from the back of the vehicle on the streets of nearby Tacoma. That, the sergeant indicated, was fairly common practice, and not just at Fort Lewis. An embarrassed Army supply chief in Washington said, lamely, that inventory control measures were being tightened.

Again last month, the Beech-Nut firm was nailed by federal authorities with charges that they had been selling colored, flavored sugar water as apple juice!

With such greed and avarice rampant in our society, it is a small wonder that the average citizen may figure he should join the ripoff crowd, reasoning, "How else am I gonna get my own fair share?"

And now even the White House can't be honest and straightforward with the American people! How in heaven's name are our nation's citizens, and especially our impressionable youth with their idealistic dreams,

to survive without being sullied and tainted by such covetousness and cupidity?

Where are you, Ben Franklin, when we need you most?

Name withheld by request

False readings

Editor:

(In response to "The Drug Testing" letter.)

I'm sure many people on Redstone want a drug-free dignified work place, but at what expense?

In the January 1987 issue of *Playboy*, on page 35 a list of drugs that can give a false reading on a urine test is provided. Many of these drugs are over-the-counter drugs used to combat colds, headaches, cramps, etc.

If we are to have a drug-free workplace, let's have a test that is 100 percent accurate because peoples' careers and lives are at stake.

If we cannot have a test that is 100 percent accurate, should we risk ruining the career of even one innocent person?

Robert L. Smith
Hawk Contact Team

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Patriot deputy shares credit for award

A. Q. Oldacre has the award but, not surprisingly, credits the Patriot team for making it possible.

"I merely accepted the award, and recognition, on behalf of MICOM and the project office," said the Patriot deputy project manager. "They made it happen. No one person can accomplish anything like this alone.

"I'm just pleased I played a small role in the agreement."

Oldacre was reflecting this week on the award he received in October from the Federal Republic of Germany, the Silver Cross of Honor of the Federal Armed Forces. Lt. Gen. Hans-Heinz Feldhoff, deputy chief of staff for the German Air Force, presented the award to Oldacre, accompanied by Mrs. Oldacre, in a ceremony at the Ministry of Defense in Bonn.

In his remarks, Feldhoff said Oldacre "...played a crucial role in the air defense agreement between the United States and Germany that was signed in July 1984 and formally implemented in July 1985."

The 10-year pact uses an elaborate network of Patriot and Roland air defense missiles to protect and

defend U.S. and German military facilities. One unique aspect is that West German soldiers will operate some Patriot and Roland battalions protecting American facilities.

"It's one of the largest agreements ever reached at the command, involving nearly \$3 billion in equipment and logistics support," Oldacre said.

"I was just the point man for the command," he says modestly about the award.

Oldacre has been with Patriot since 1965, having served many positions in engineering, system integration and analysis, assistant project manager for international operations, and now as deputy to Col. Larry Capps, Patriot project manager.

He worked for several years on Project Successor, a U.S. and German study evaluating Patriot for a European air defense role.

Oldacre grew up in neighboring Morgan County, attended Union Hill high school (absorbed by Brewer) and graduated from the University of Alabama in 1963 with a mechanical engineering degree.

New law increases health benefits for Reserve Component soldiers

WASHINGTON— Health benefits for Guard and Reserve soldiers recently increased with passage of the Armed Forces Reserve Health Care Benefits Act.

The act, which was signed into law on Nov. 14, standardizes the health benefits available to servicemembers who are injured, become ill, or suffer from an illness that worsens significantly in conjunction with performing their military duties, said Lt. Col. Douglas J. Lamude, who drafted the legislation for the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon.

Under the new law, Guard and Reserve soldiers who are injured, become ill, or suffer from an illness that worsens during, on the way to, or returning from military duty or training may be eligible to receive government-paid medical treatment for the condition. Also, soldiers who are partially or completely disabled by illnesses or injuries contracted or worsened in conjunction with performing their duties may qualify for compensation.

Under the law reserve component soldiers participating in physical training or undergoing 40-and-

over cardiovascular screening are eligible for several new benefits. "Before, a reserve component soldier injured during PT would receive no health care, no incapacitation pay, and no disability," Lamude said. "Now, the soldier is covered for health care, incapacitation and disability; and his family may be eligible for survivor benefits." The old law didn't prohibit 40-and-over screening and PT for reservists, but made it difficult because of lack of proper protection under law, Lamude said.

A soldier will not automatically receive benefits, Lamude explained. A review board will decide each case on an individual basis. "The board takes into account various factors, including whether the soldier was injured in the line of duty and whether he was 'employed' in a military capacity," said Lamude.

Until passage of the act, entitlements differed according to the soldier's branch of service, reserve component affiliation, and category of training. Also, eligibility for treatment and compensation for injured soldiers differed from that which was available for ill soldiers. (Arnews)

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Chief of staff feels right at home at Redstone Arsenal

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Col. Jon Morgan didn't feel like a stranger when he arrived to become chief of staff at the Missile Command.

This is his first assignment at MICOM, but his third at Redstone Arsenal.

"It's a great challenge," says Morgan, who previously commanded the 60th Ordnance Group in Germany. "A good command, good community, a good workforce and a good mission— therefore, it's got to be a super assignment."

He succeeded Col. Freddie Smith who returned to direct Missile Systems Readiness Directorate after serving as acting chief of staff.

Morgan, 48, is originally from Piggott, Ark., a small town in the northeast corner of the state. He was the only career soldier from a family of four brothers (one deceased) and a sister. "All four of us boys were in the Army National Guard at one time or another," he recalls. Morgan joined the National Guard in 1955.

In 1960, he entered active duty as a second lieutenant upon completing ROTC at the University of Arkansas. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Years later, while on first tour here, he would earn a master's of business administration from Alabama A&M University.

Morgan has served overseas tours in Panama, Viet-

nam and Germany. He was in Vietnam from 1965-66 and 1970-71, and received a Bronze Star. Stateside assignments have included a tour as chief of staff at the Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command at Rock Island, Ill., from 1982-84.

"In my first assignment at Redstone, 1971-74, I was working in combat developments in the school," Morgan says. A major at the time, he served as chief of the organization branch in the missile school's directorate for combat developments.

He returned to Redstone in December 1979 and served as a battalion commander in the School Brigade. Morgan commanded the 1st Battalion for three months, and the 2nd Battalion for 18 months. At that time, he was a lieutenant colonel.

Morgan and his wife Phyllis have a son and two daughters. Jon Jr., 26, and Mary, 25, both live in Atlanta; Sarah McKinley, 23, is married and resides in Huntsville. Morgan's hobbies include fishing, hunting and woodworking.

"There's been mission changes," he says, comparing Redstone now with how it was during his previous tours. "And the systems we teach and manage here have changed. But Redstone proper, as an installation, hasn't changed much. It's still a nice place to live and work."



MORGAN

New comptroller pleased with present organization

BY SKIP VAUGHN

No major changes are planned for the organization here that provides financial management services, according to its new leader.

Col. Graham Johnson became the MICOM comptroller on Nov. 18. He succeeded Col. George Laslo who retired from the Army.

"There have been some recent reorganizations, and the comptroller organization is functioning very smoothly right now and there are no major changes planned," Johnson said. He came to Redstone after serving as chief of the standard Army accounting systems division in the Army Finance and Accounting Center, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

As comptroller, Johnson directs an organization of 497 people— all but 12 of whom are civilians. The greatest number work in the finance and accounting office. Functions of the comptroller organization include finance and accounting, programming and budgeting, management, and cost analysis.

"I'm really happy about the job," said the new comptroller. "The comptroller organization at MICOM is probably one of the best in the Army. If you're in the comptroller business, this is one of the premier comptroller jobs in the Army. And MICOM, as a whole, has a super reputation so I'm glad to be part of MICOM and I'm glad to be part of the comptroller family."

Johnson, 47, is originally from Columbus, Ga. His father (whom he was named after) is a land surveyor and civil engineer who has his own business in Panama City, Fla. Johnson is the oldest of three brothers and a sister. Dr. John Johnson, two years younger, is a scientist in Research Directorate of the Research, Development and Engineering Center.

In 1962, Johnson received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Auburn University. He

was commissioned a second lieutenant as an ROTC graduate. After a tour on the faculty of the Army Finance School from 1964-67, his assignments included a tour in Vietnam. He was a comptroller staff officer in the 1st Logistics Command in Vietnam from 1968-69. Upon returning to the states, Johnson earned a master's of business administration degree from Indiana University.

Subsequent finance assignments took him to the Pentagon, to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, to Fort McPherson, Ga., to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. His goal for the comptroller organization here is "to provide the best financial management service in the Army to MICOM and supported activities," he says.

Johnson and his wife Joan have a son and a daughter. Michael, 20, is a junior majoring in business at Auburn. Tracy, 16 (to turn 17 on Dec. 17), is a junior at Butler High School. Johnson's hobbies include jogging, gardening, and fishing.

"My personal view of the comptroller business is that it is a service business," he said, "and that's what we'll try to give."



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Training and development boss likes resources here

BY PAM ROGERS

The new director for Personnel Training and Force Development said he was impressed with the soldiers and civilians who work at Redstone.

This is Col. Val Girard's first assignment at Redstone, the latest stop in a 26-year career that has included tours in Vietnam, Korea, Germany, Hawaii, and a DA staff assignment with responsibility for the Army's reenlistment policy.

Girard is still settling in to his new job, and hasn't planned any major changes yet. He's been here about a month.

"I'm delighted to be here. I sought the job, and I think it will be professionally challenging. The area and the people are the nicest I've met," he said.

He sees big challenges ahead in the force development area as Redstone is required to adjust to organizational and strength changes. "Professional development is also a concern. I believe an effective guest speaker program, active mentors and well-thought-through staff exercises should be the basis of this program. The educational opportunities are excellent," Girard said.

Girard, a native of Meriden, Conn., was last assigned to Mac Dill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. as a part of the U.S. Readiness Command.

"I wanted a four-season climate," he said.

His first assignment at Mac Dill was to help form what was first called the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, now the U.S. Central Command.

"Those were exciting times. We took an organiza-

tion that had nothing—we shared desks at first—and it developed into a unified command with over 900 people," he said.

People are what Girard is concerned with in his new job.

"People are the most important part. People make an organization—the quality and the quantity of people. You must make sure you have qualified people in the right numbers. An organization is only as good as the people within it. I'm impressed by the quality I see here at Redstone—both military and civilian."

Girard believes another factor of readiness is the skill level of individual soldiers. "We do a pretty good job of testing to make sure they stay proficient. We're developing good equipment, but it's only as good as the soldiers who operate it. The know-how of our soldiers has been our strength during the conflicts we've been involved in," he said.

He also believes the Army has good material to work with. "We're getting good quality—darn good soldiers. All the statistics indicate it. We have more high school graduates than ever before, even college graduates. They're good soldiers—trainable. Most come in with a lot of ability, drive and desire to do what's right," he said.

Girard and his wife, Shirley, have two daughters. Michelle is 18 and a freshman at Florida State University. Cindy, 12, is in seventh grade at Westlawn.

Girard replaced Col. Ronald Crowley, who is now special assistant to the deputy commander of the Missile Command.



GIRARD

Drunk/drugged driving awareness week begins Dec. 14

BY EVELYN D. HARRIS

American Forces Information Service

Americans appear to be losing their tolerance for drunk drivers: 65 percent of respondents in a recent survey cited drunk driving as the most pressing problem in their community and said they want to help get drunks off the road.

And restaurants are selling more and more "mocktails," or non-alcoholic drinks, to persons who want to avoid imbibing and driving, says another poll.

Despite these encouraging trends, the National Safety Council reports that half of U.S. motor vehicle fatalities this year have involved alcohol. Last year, 45,600 people died in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents.

Jerry Anderson, who chairs the Department of Defense Drunk and Intoxicated Driving Task Force, said that in fiscal 1986, 472 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines lost their lives in four-wheel motor vehicle accidents. Of those, 115 deaths were drug or alcohol related. During the same period, 181 service members were killed in two-wheel (motorcycle) (moped) accidents, 32 of which were drug or alcohol related.

It is facts such as those you'll be hearing during this year's National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, Dec. 14 through 20. For the past four years, President Ronald Reagan has proclaimed a week in December to focus attention on the deaths and injuries that result from impaired driving.

December is an appropriate month for an awareness campaign, because it is a popular time for parties and social occasions that lend themselves to drinking.

For Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week 1986, Anderson said the services will continue to emphasize the designated driver program they promoted last year.

Groups of friends designate one driver who will not drink alcoholic beverages. The non-drinker is responsible for getting the rest of the group home safely. At the next outing, someone else is the designated driver.

Most officers and non-commissioned officers clubs are doing their part to encourage the designated driver program by giving free food to designated drivers. Many clubs offer "No Thanks" buttons for designated driver.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the government agency that first promoted an

impaired driving awareness week, got the idea for its designated driver campaign from the Navy, according to spokesman Jerry Burns. The administration's slogans for this year are "A Key to Life: Designated Driver" and "Because We Care...."



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Drunk drivers more likely to die in car crashes

BY EVELYN D. HARRIS
American Forces Information Service

"Even if I did have an accident, I'm so relaxed I wouldn't get hurt," says the drunk friend you're trying desperately to talk out of driving.

Well, he's wrong, and he could be dead wrong. According to researchers at the University of North Carolina led by Dr. Patricia F. Waller, drinking not only impairs driving skills and makes a driver more likely to take the risks that lead to accidents, but can increase the severity of injury.

The study, published in the "Journal of the American Medical Association," found that alcohol-involved drivers were 3.8 times more likely to be killed than sober drivers. The researchers took into account other factors that might be involved, such as damage to the vehicle and seat belt use. (Drinkers were found to be less likely to wear seat belts.) Waller and her colleagues analyzed data on more than 1 million drivers from five years of North Carolina accidents.

The researchers found that differences in death rates for alcohol-involved versus non-alcohol-involved drivers were greatest for less severe accidents; drinkers were 4.54 times as likely to die in such accidents. But even in the most severe accidents, drinkers were almost twice as likely to be killed.

Drinking passengers were also more likely to be killed.

Even a motorcyclist who receives a head injury is more likely to die of a critical head injury than his sober counterpart with similar injuries." Waller believes this may be explained by the fact that alcohol cause some swelling in the brain, leading to continued brain injury after the initial damage is sustained.

Civilian employees of the Department of Defense (approximately 1.2 million) will be offered inpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs under the government's 1987 health insurance program, the Office of Personnel Management has announced.

"The goal of a drug-free workforce is perhaps the

most important challenge facing the public and private sector American managers during this century," Office of Personnel Management Director Constance J.

Horner said in announcing the changes. "We need to do everything possible to ensure that drug counseling is economically feasible for those who need it."

Officials of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the largest government health insurance carrier, said there will be a lifetime cap on reimbursements under the rehabilitation programs: \$3,500 for those with high option coverage and \$2,500 with standard coverage. Treatment will be limited to 28 days over a lifetime, with high option subscribers paying 20 percent of costs and standard option subscribers, 40 percent.

Similar drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs will be offered by the 395 other carriers providing health insurance to government employees.

A gift of safety for the holidays

WASHINGTON — Saying "No Thank You" to alcohol use to mean you'd take a lot of flack from friends about being antisocial, being a party-pooper or being a goodie two-shoes.

Today it's not only acceptable to say "no" but also welcomed in some establishments, where non-drinkers are rewarded for their abstinence.

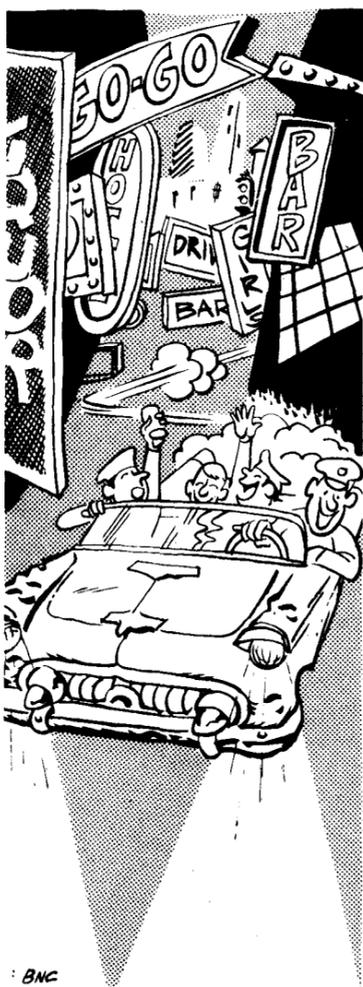
The Army's club system is one such enterprise. In an effort to keep intoxicated drivers from getting behind the wheel of a car, the clubs are offering free coffee and soft drinks to that member of a party of two or more who agrees to be the group's designated driver for the evening. Some clubs might even offer discount food coupons that can be used during a future visit.

In exchange for the freebies, the designated driver agrees not to drink alcoholic beverages during the gathering and to ensure that the other members of their group are safely driven home.

The Army set up the designated-driver program last December to encourage people to plan their social drinking so that they can have fun without endangering themselves or others in their community by driving while intoxicated. The program which runs year-long, has become a standard feature of the club system.

The campaign logo consists of a "no thanks" slash cutting across a circle containing a picture of a car driving into a martini glass. The logo is used in advertisements and for the button worn by designated drivers.

"The primary goal of the program is to get club patrons home safely," according to the program guidelines for Army Club managers. As a side benefit, the club system hopes to make more money. The Army rationalizes that customers conceivably will feel safer about drinking there with a friend who will ensure they arrive home safely. (Arnews)



Drugs and Driving

The "drunk" part of National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week has been well publicized. But many people forget it is dangerous to drive under the influence of any drug.

In fact, the National Safety Council estimates that for every 100 drunk driving arrests, there is at least one arrest for driving under the influence of another drug. And illegal drugs aren't the only drugs that can cause problems.

Medications for pain relief, allergies and colds, as well as illegal drugs and controlled substances such as barbiturates and narcotics, can act on the same areas as alcohol. And the impairing effects of many drugs can be multiplied when combined with alcohol.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if it is safe to drive after taking a particular prescribed or over-the-counter drug.

Also ask your doctor if it's safe to drink while using a prescribed medication, and follow the advice.

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BAKE SALE— Diana Lamb, president of the Officers Wives Club, is among the helpers at the OWC's Christmas Bazaar held Dec. 2 at the Officers Club. "We had something similar to it last year," said Kim Smith of OWC, "but nothing on

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A Company downs HHC to win post football championship

BY JEFF WATSON

A Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, won the post football championship Dec. 2 by beating HHC MICOM 12-0.

There could not have been two better teams matched-up to play in the final championship game. Both had impressive seasonal records, A Company at 13-1, and HHC at 12-2. Each teams' loss coming at the hand of the other.

A Company received the opening kickoff and on their first play from scrimmage was penalized 15 yards for an illegal block. On the next two plays quarterback Al Johnson had a tough time finding an open receiver, resulting in an incomplete pass and a scramble that netted 3 yards.

On third down, A Company tried a flea-flicker when Johnson threw a pass to Ed Steward, who immediately turned around and lateraled the ball to Tom Sheblua. The HHC defense was not fooled however and the play did not pick up any yardage. A Company's punt was returned 10 yards by HHC's Stephen Sheppard.

HHC had trouble moving the ball too. During their first possession, quarterback Douglas Womack made a good run that picked up 10 yards after two unsuccessful runs by Valentine Houston and Aaron Rice. Womack's efforts proved all for nothing when HHC was penalized and the ball brought back.

On the next play HHC was again penalized, this time for offsides. The next down resulted in Womack being sacked for a 5 yard loss, forcing HHC to punt.

A Company's second possession started out slow but finally picked up enough momentum to put some points on the board.

The first-down play after receiving the ball was not a thing of beauty. Two A Company penalties and an unsuccessful run got them nowhere, fast. But on the next three plays, Johnson threw three passes, one to Sheblua and the others to Michael Olsen to gain a first down on HHC's 10 yard line.

Johnson was sacked by HHC's Lucky Roberson for a 10 yard loss and then A Company was penalized 5 more yards for illegal motion, resulting in 2nd down and 25.

On the next play Johnson was forced to run, but he was able to gain back 15 yards. In the third down situation Johnson then threw forth down and goal to go, A Company elected to go for the touchdown. After HHC was called for offsides and the ball moved half the distance to the goal, Johnson put the first points on the board by running around the right end. The point after was no good.

HHC got off to a good start on their second ball

possession when Stephen Sheppard returned the kick off to midfield. HHC was unable to capitalize on this, however, when on third down A Company's Johnson intercepted a Womack pass and returned it to the HHC 5 yard line.

A Company only had time enough to get off two plays before the half ended with them leading 6-0 over HHC.

The second half took off much more quickly than the first half. HHC received the kickoff but was unable to move the ball against A Company's defense.

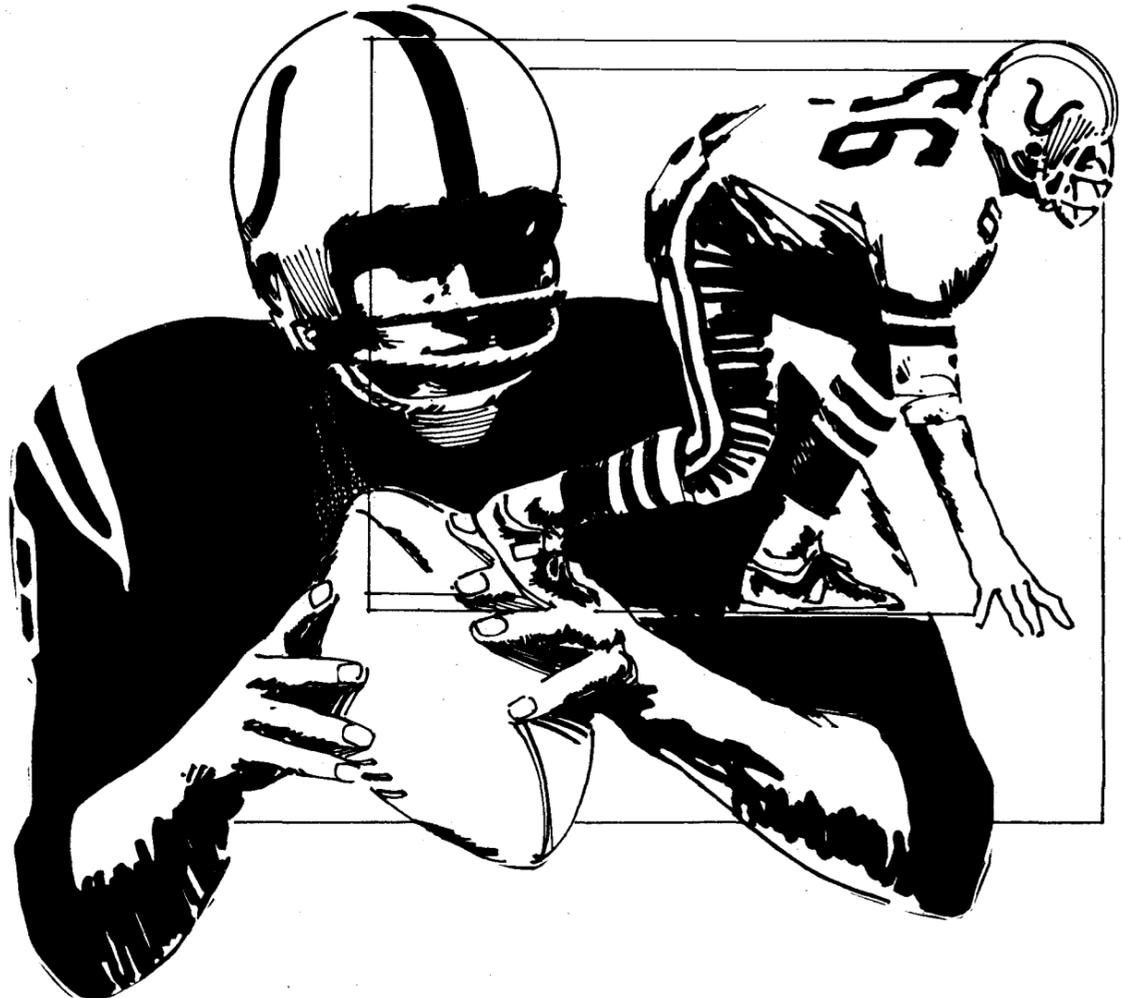
After receiving the punt, A Company's first offensive play of the half was a 50 yard touchdown run by

James Hollington running off the left side. The extra point attempt failed.

The next two offensive series of downs for both teams were unproductive. Tight defensive play and offensive penalties helped keep both teams out of the end zone.

With little time remaining HHC saw its chance of scoring, and a possible comeback eliminated, when A Company's Johnson intercepted another Womack pass.

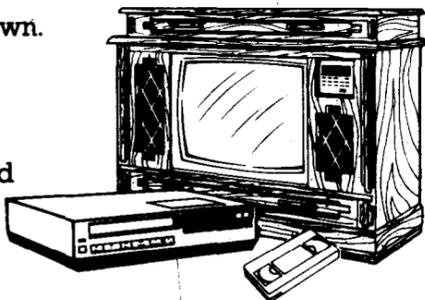
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Miami picked to bowl over Penn State for national title

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Miami and Penn State will vie for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2 although the rest of the bowls should also be interesting.

Highly ranked teams like Oklahoma, Michigan and Louisiana State swing into action on New Year's Day. Oklahoma faces Arkansas in the Orange Bowl; Michigan plays Arizona State in the Rose Bowl; and LSU takes on Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl.

It should be interesting or, at least a way to pass the time until Miami's Hurricanes play the Penn State Nittany Lion's in THE biggest game of the season.

Both teams are 11-0. Miami's victims have included South Carolina, Florida, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Northern Illinois, West Virginia, Cincinnati, Florida State, Pittsburgh, Tulsa, and East Carolina.

Penn State whipped Temple, Boston College, East Carolina, Rutgers, Cincinnati, Syracuse, Alabama, West Virginia, Maryland, Notre Dame, and Pittsburgh.

It's tough to pick against Coach Joe Paterno. But then again, he can't throw the ball like Vinny Testaverde can. The pick here is...Miami.

Last week's predictions resulted in a 3-1 record, bringing the final regular season totals to 318-124-11 for 72 percent. Here are Skip's Picks for the upcoming bowl games:

California Bowl, Dec. 13— Miami, Ohio (8-3) vs. San Jose State (9-2). *San Jose State* by 7.

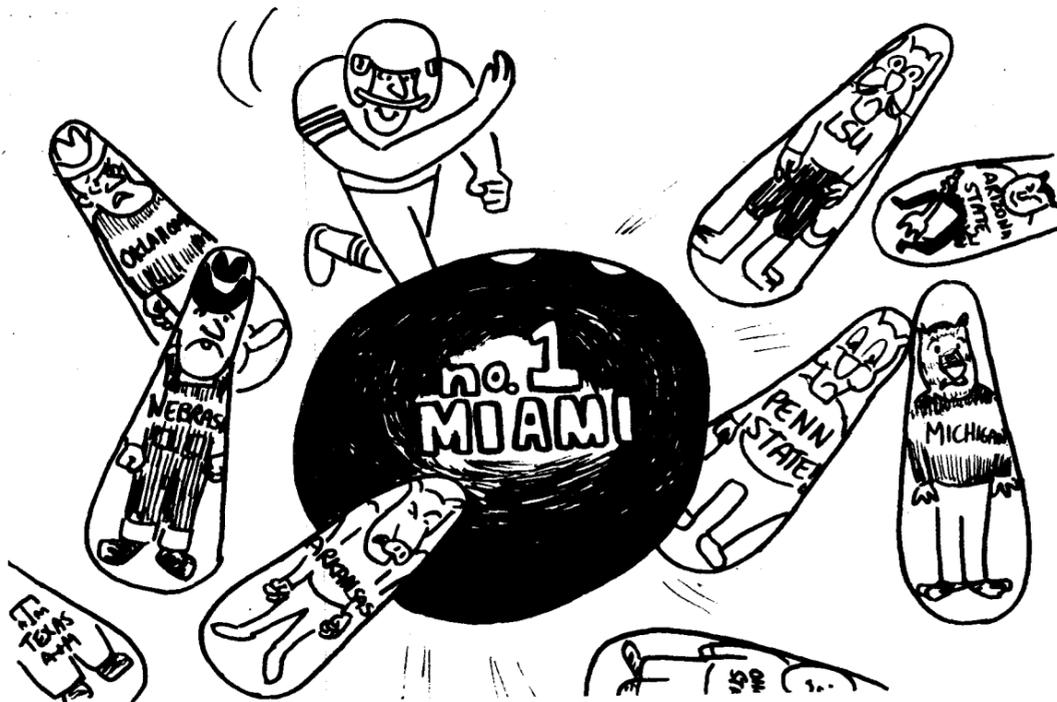
Independence Bowl, Dec. 20— Mississippi (7-3-1) vs. Texas Tech (7-4). *Ole Miss* by 3.

Hall of Fame Bowl, Dec. 23— Boston College (8-3) vs. Georgia (8-3). *Georgia* by 10.

Sun Bowl, Dec. 25— Alabama (9-3) vs. Washington (8-2-1). *Alabama* by 14.

Gator Bowl, Dec. 27— Stanford (8-3) vs. Clemson (7-2-2). *Stanford* by 7.

Aloha Bowl, Dec. 27— Arizona (8-3) vs. North Carolina (7-3-1). *Arizona* by 3.



Liberty Bowl, Dec. 29— Tennessee (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5). *Tennessee* by 7.

Freedom Bowl, Dec. 30— UCLA (7-3-1) vs. Brigham Young (8-4). *UCLA* by 10.

Holiday Bowl, Dec. 30— San Diego State (8-3) vs. Iowa (8-3). *San Diego State* by 1.

Peach Bowl, Dec. 31— North Carolina State (8-2-1) vs. Virginia Tech (8-2-1). *Va. Tech* by 3.

Bluebonnet Bowl, Dec. 31— Colorado (6-5) vs. Baylor (8-3). *Colorado* by 1.

All-American Bowl, Dec. 31— Indiana (6-5) vs. Florida State (6-4-1). *Fla. State* by 14.

Citrus Bowl, Jan. 1— Southern Cal (7-4) vs. Auburn (9-2). *Auburn* by 13.

Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1— Texas A&M (9-2) vs. Ohio State (9-3). *Texas A&M* by 7.

Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1— LSU (9-2) vs. Nebraska (9-2). *Nebraska* by 4.

Rose Bowl, Jan. 1— Arizona State (9-1-1) vs. Michigan (10-1). *Michigan* by 3.

Orange Bowl, Jan. 1— Oklahoma (10-1) vs. Arkansas (9-2). *Oklahoma* by 7.

Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 2— Miami, Fla. (11-0) vs. Penn State (11-0). *Miami* by 3.



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Ad firm cited for improper conduct

WASHINGTON— A three-year investigation into an alleged kickback scheme plus other improprieties has led to an indefinite suspension of a New York-based advertising firm from doing further business with the Army or other federal agencies.

N. W. Ayer, Inc., whose ad campaigns include the Army's "Be All You Can Be" recruitment advertisements and commercials, has been affiliated with the Army's major recruitment ad campaigns for the past 19 years, said Army spokesman Maj. Bruce Bell.

Bell explained that recent findings from the investigation have convinced Army officials that they had no choice but to deny the company any future contract awards during the suspension.

The improper conduct ascribed to Ayer included time-card mischarging and conspiracy to have certain subcontractors submit rigged bids for subcontracted work. "Ayer has 30 days from the date of the suspension to submit a position opposing the suspension," Bell said. "If the suspension is lifted, Ayer will be considered for the contract. However, if it's not lifted, they'll not be considered for future contracts with any agency of the federal executive branch."

The five-year contract for the Army's recruitment account currently is undergoing new, competitive bidding among several companies. Among those competing for the approximately \$100-million-per-year contract are some of the nation's largest ad agencies. Bell said it is difficult to say when the decision is to be announced on the Army's future ad agency, "because of the suspension and of the deliberations arising from it." Contract officials expect the new contract to take effect Jan. 2. (Arnews)

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His 19-day journey underscored what Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Richard Armitage called the "global scope of America's security interests."

Weinberger made several stops in Europe and the Middle East on his way to a meeting of the Nuclear Planning Group in Scotland. His itinerary also included meetings with policy makers in Egypt, West Germany and Italy.

In Asia, Weinberger met with military and civilian leaders of China, India and Pakistan. The visit to India was the first ever by a U.S. secretary of defense.

Armitage, speaking at a press conference at the end of the trip, said Weinberger's discussion with Chinese leaders centered around the development and progress in our bilateral military relationship as well as global and regional issues confronting the two countries. "The Chinese expressed satisfaction with the progress

we have made to date in our military relationship and expressed an interest in continued military technology cooperation with the United State," said Armitage. No specific proposals resulted but both nations agreed to continue military technology cooperation.

While in Beijing, China, Weinberger announced the one week visit by U.S. Navy ship USS Oldendorf, USS Reeves and USS Rentz, to the port of Qingdao on Nov. 5 — already completed. This was the first port visit to China by U.S. Navy ships since 1947.

Weinberger also visited the Xichang Space Launch Facility and noted that the Chinese appear to have the capacity to provide certain commercial launch services. Weinberger indicated the United States basically supports this initiative.

Armitage said Weinberger's talks with the prime minister of India covered a range of global, regional and bilateral issues. They included both U.S. and Indian relations with Pakistan, U.S.-Soviet arms reduction talks and Indo-U.S. military cooperation, particularly in the area of technology cooperation. "We made a great deal of progress, we believe, in defining specific areas of technology cooperation, including the

supercomputer and the light combat aircraft program," noted Armitage.

"By traveling to both countries (India and Pakistan) and holding discussions at the highest level, the secretary endeavored to ease regional tension and reduce some of the mistrust that exists between these two countries as well as between China and India," said Armitage.

In Pakistan, Weinberger reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to a follow-on security assistance program for the country. "This is an unprecedented six-year program, which follows on the heels of a five-year program," said Armitage.

He noted that both countries agreed on the need to concentrate immediately on two specific aspects of Pakistan security. "First is the immediate need to improve Pakistan's aerial early warning capability along the Afghan border, using the most cost-effective means available, and second, given the cuts in U.S. foreign aid and escalating prices for high-tech military equipment, the need to ensure that Pakistan's limited financial resources for defense are spent wisely," said Armitage.

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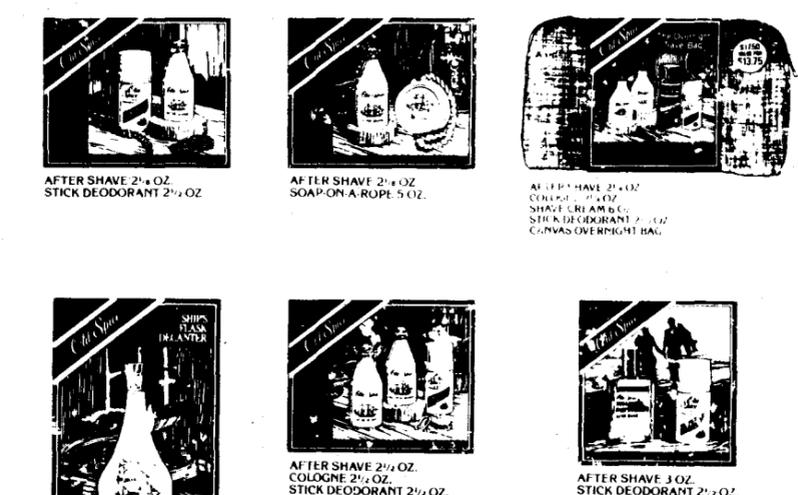
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Officials at the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency have announced the final decision to award a contract to Sunbelt Temporaries, Virginia Beach, Va., to perform the shelf stocking function at the Redstone Arsenal commissary.

The decision was based on the contractor's offer to perform the work for \$921,722 over a 59-month period. This represents an estimated savings to the government of \$423,280. A contract is awarded only if a proposal represents at least a 10-percent savings of personnel-related costs to the government.

Sunbelt Temporaries will assume full performance of the function Feb. 23, 1987. The government has the option whether or not to renew the contract each fiscal year through 1991.

The decision to contract, which affects 21 government shelf stocker positions, was made after a detailed cost comparison study between private industry bids and the government's in-house bid. The study was conducted in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, Performance of Commer-

cial Activities. This follows the government's policy of relying on private enterprise to supply products and services that cost less than government-furnished ones.

Interested businesses and government employees were allowed to review the cost comparison form and the in-house estimate before the final decision was made.

Affected government employees will be briefed by the installation Civilian Personnel Office concerning their rights and benefits. They will be given the right of first refusal for job openings with the contractor in positions for which they are qualified. Career and career-conditional employees will be registered in priority placement programs and receive preferential consideration in the Department of Defense and other federal agencies for vacancies for which they are qualified and available.

Other placement assistance will also be provided through the Department of Labor and state employment services to help employees locate positions in private industry. When appropriate, employees may be retrained to qualify for jobs in their local labor market.

(This article was provided by the Army Troop Support Agency based at Fort Lee, Va.)

Missile Systems-1 team takes second victory

The Missile Systems-1 team rolled to its second straight win of the young season in Civilian Welfare Fund basketball.

Bobby Harris and Johnny Lighter each scored 17 points to pace Missile Systems-1 to a 62-52 win over MSIC. Don Carver led MSIC with 24 points and Ken McCormick contributed 9.

In other games, COE beat the P&P-1 team 69-54; Green Machine got past PAO 58-41; and MSID stopped Reproduction 84-51.

Craig Crossfield scored 22 and James (Bimbo) Simmons hit for 21 to spark COE's win over P&P-1. For P&P-1, Blakely Jones had 14 and John Barnes 9.

Dave Smith pumped in 24 points to pace Green Machine over PAO. Ronnie Chandler contributed 14 points. PAO was led by Abdullah Muhammad with 15 and Bob Stevens 9.

Tommy Lee High scored 25 to lead MSID's win over Reproduction. Terry Whitman hit for 21 and John Petty 19. For Reproduction, Tony Gibson pumped in 17 points and Terry Nance 16.

Troop bowling

Here are the Redstone Arsenal intramural bowling league standings after last week's games:

Tuesday's Conference

Team	7 Won	Lost
A Co. (E&TTD-1)	274	26
Meddacc-3	198	102
B Co. (B.D.T.)	197	103
C Company 73rd Ord Bn-1	193	107
HHC-1	189	111
A Company 73rd Ord Bn	189	111
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-3	144.5	155.5
TMDE	133.5	166.5
291st MPs-2	115.5	184.5
D Company 73rd Ord Bn	115	185
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-2	107.5	192.5
Marines-2	82	218
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-1	81.5	218.5
291st MPs-3	62.5	237.5

200 games bowled on Dec. 2:

Steve Cook	223
Jeff Powers	216
Bob Tanner	213
Jim Stracke	201
Cliff Ferby	200

Thursday's Conference

Team	Won	Lost
B Co. (S.A.D.)	228	72
Meddacc-1	221.5	78.5
B Co. (L.C.D.)	220.5	79.5
515th-2	200	100
Marines-1	189	111
A Co. (E&TTD-2)	153	147
515th-1	148.5	151.5
Meddacc-2	141.5	158.5
C Company 73rd Ord Bn-2	127.5	172.5
HHC-2	115.5	184.5
B Co. (E.O.D.)	112.5	187.5
A Company 832nd Ord Bn	95.5	204.5
291st MPs-1	84.5	215.5
D Company 832nd Ord Bn	58	242

200 games bowled on Dec. 4:

Tom Rahn	234
Tracy Michael	215
Dave Hahn	213
Ray Glace	209
Duane Allman	206
Angel Santos	203
Tommy Blackwell	202
Keith Warters	201

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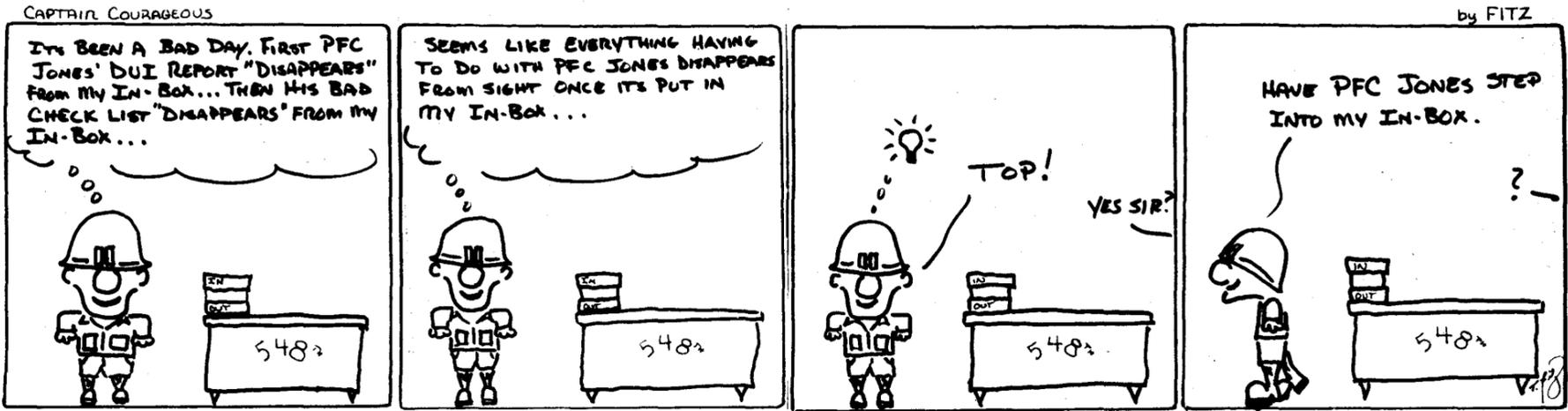
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BUS 368	Business & Its Environment	BUS 150	Smalley
CIS 280	Systems Develop. Methods	CIS 150 or CIS 170	Jones
ENG 104*	Developmental English	None	Yates
HIST 102	Western Civilization II	None	Cushman
PSY 395	Adult Psychology	PSY 101	Cordes
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TUESDAY/THURSDAY 5:00 PM-7:30 PM			
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTRUCTOR
BUS 333	Public Relations	BUS 150	Foster
CJ 461	Corrections	CJ 101	Moon
ECON 293	Macroeconomics	None	Traylor
ENG 112	English Composition II	ENG 111	Mills
SPC 111	Speech Communications	None	Bunyard

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM-10:00 PM			
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTRUCTOR
ASTR 101	Introduction to Astronomy	None	C. Patty
BUS 350	Business Finance	BUS 150	Smalley
CIS 300*	Selected Studies: Adv. BASIC	CIS 150	Jones
ENG 111	English Composition I	None	Yates
*LAB FEE			

TUESDAY/THURSDAY 7:30 PM-10:00 PM			
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTRUCTOR
BUS 381	Income Tax Accounting	BUS 150 or Instr. Perm.	Jacobs
CIS 170	Introduction to Computer Information Systems	None	Thomas
MA 150	College Algebra	None	S. Patty
SOC 331	Juvenile Delinquency	SOC 101	Bill

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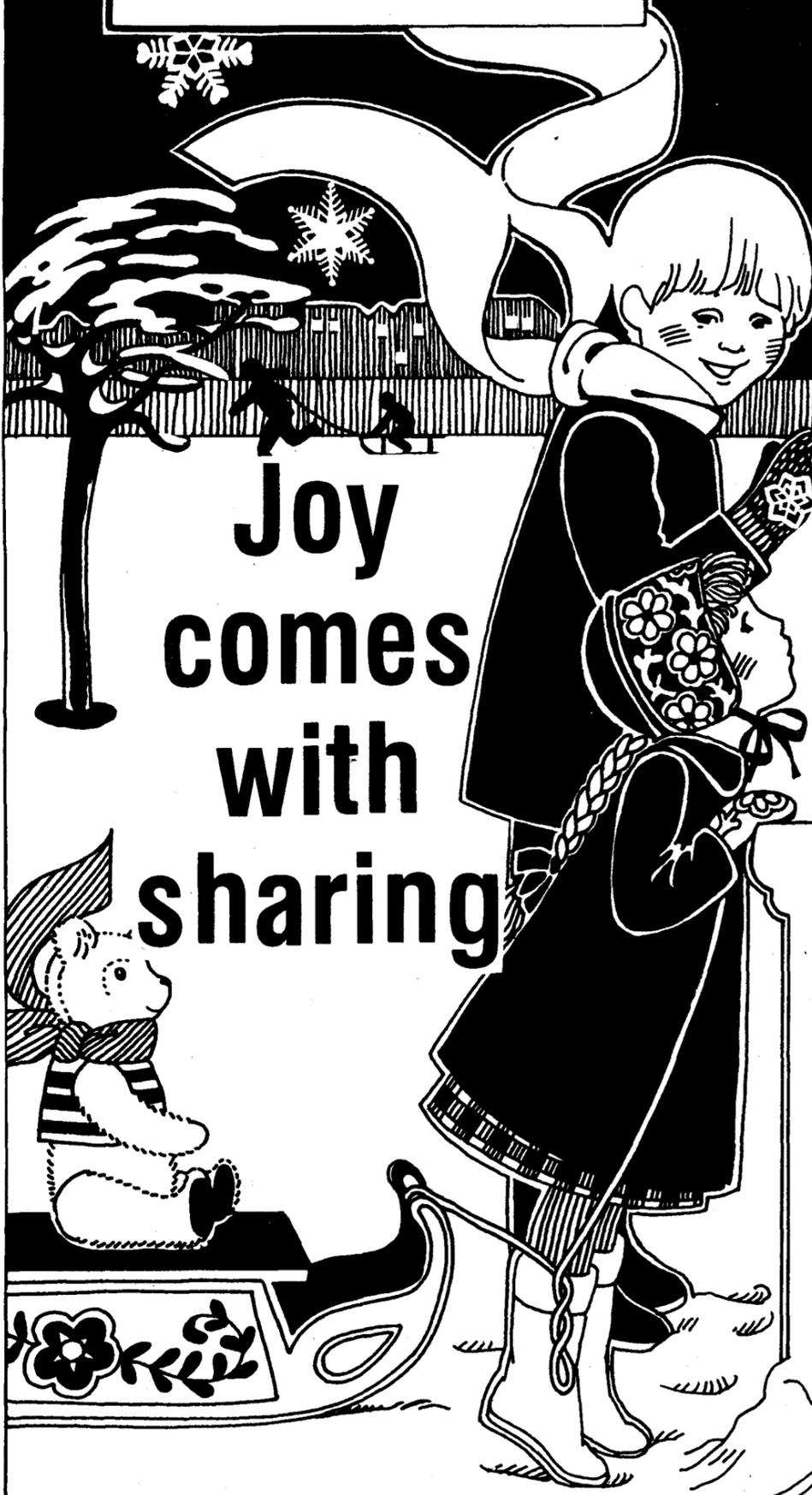
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Members of A Company work to keep morale high

When you have almost 400 soldiers who are in school during the day and working on common task training and soldierization skills at night and on weekends, it's hard to keep morale high.

That's why Capt. April Liberg, commander of A Company, 832 Ordnance Battalion, is working with her soldiers to make their old, open bay-type barracks a nicer place to live and study.

"When I got here in March, the company had a small dayroom area with one pool table and a pingpong table," Liberg said. Last month the company opened a new dayroom, which boasts a television with a 37-inch screen, two pool tables, a pingpong table, air hockey, bumper pool and table shuffleboard.

The company started the improvements as part of TRADOC's Installations of Excellence program. The first thing company members did was to paint interior rooms of the barracks in TRADOC colors, Liberg said.

Drill sergeants from the company laid out a training area for the students to practice their CTT and soldierization skills. Plans include the addition of lights and shelters for night and inclement weather use.

Soldiers who belong to the company are expected to strive for academic excellence, but they have no quiet place to study, Liberg said.

"One of the future plans is to put in a study hall with study cubicles, a library and a classroom where we can teach mandatory training classes," she said.

Soldiers assigned to A Company are junior in rank, and have very rigid schedules for the first two weeks of their training. As a result, there often is no time to keep uniforms looking their best. Liberg is working with the post exchange for uniform laundry pickup.

Another popular morale booster is the soldier of the week competition. Soldiers selected from each platoon are tested on knowledge of the chain of command and common soldiering subjects. The winner gets a week off the fire guard roster and eats at the head of the chow line.

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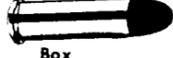
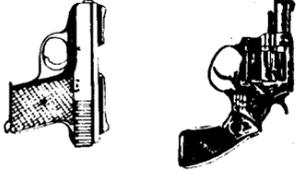
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A fresh tree will have a strong pine or spruce scent and a deep green color. Needles should not fall off the tree at the touch, and a truly fresh one has sticky sap at the base.

Safety experts suggest buying a tree early and getting it in a stable, water-holding stand as soon as possible. Before putting the tree in water, cut about two inches off the trunk — at an angle if your stand will permit. An angle cut allows maximum water absorption. Rewater the tree daily.

Place the tree away from fireplaces and heat sources, and make sure it does not block a home's traffic pattern or doorway.

Provide substantial support for the tree, whether real or artificial.

If you're buying an artificial tree, look for a label stating it's been tested for flammability. Read the safety instructions that come with the artificial tree. Metallic trees bear a warning to use colored spotlights rather than string lights, for example.

Make sure light sets have been certified safe by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM). Check last year's strings for broken bulbs before plugging them in. If using lights outdoors, make sure they're designated safe for outdoor use.

If you're using an extension cord, make sure it does not present a tripping hazard.

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Comfortable shoes, holiday gift list shoppers 'tools of trade'

By Leslee K. Caul

Fort McClellan Public Affairs Staff

It's that time again when the most ominous question of the year arises. The almost ugly question that no one older than 12 ever seems to have an answer for. The question that hard-to-please parents sidestep and the person with everything refuses to acknowledge.

What do you want for Christmas?

Every year helpless shoppers are sent out to brave the terrors of the shopping malls in search of the perfect gift. Hoards of people all struggle toward that ever evasive goal which few ever achieve.

Proper shopping tools are a must. First and foremost is a pair of comfortable walking shoes. The average shopper will cover more territory than Lewis and Clark did.

A good sturdy shopping bag will eliminate package juggling. This will prevent dropping the china purchased for Mom or leaving the heating pad for Aunt Wanda lying on a snack bar table.

Appropriate attire should be a major consideration. Most people dress for the weather, forgetting that most shopping malls are rivaled only by the Bahamas in temperature. This ultimately results in sweaty shoppers toting bundles of warm winter woolies. These same people can count on giving birth to a nasty cold when they finally emerge into winter weather.

Perhaps the single most important thing to take, however, is a shopping list. This small piece of paper separates the serious shoppers from the wanderers.

Serious shoppers are few and far between. They know who is getting what and they have a dollar amount set for each purchase. They walk through the crowd with confidence. They know which department they are going to. Chances are they will even know where the item they want is on sale.

Wanderers have no idea what they are buying. They stand, for hours, in front of the same display, scratching their heads, counting their cash and pondering. They get lost in the crowd and trampled by kiddies searching for Santa. They are prime targets for muggers and Hare Krishnas. They take frequent coffee breaks and almost always spend Christmas Eve at a mall.

Those who have not conquered the fine art of shopping and dread its terrors should consider other gift buying options.

Why not send the "hard-to-please" people a magazine subscription? Every month of the year they will be reminded of the giver.

Or perhaps, for the "have-everything" people on the list, a contribution to their favorite charity. If they already have everything, why not help someone who doesn't — in their name. Most organizations will send a gift card.

For those who feel Christmas gifts should be gift wrapped and hand picked, remember that there is not always a perfect gift for everyone.

Don't be plagued by the unanswered question; "What do you want for Christmas?" Remember that any gift given from the heart is worthy. In fact, sometimes a simple "I love you," means more than anything that can be wrapped.



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Those graduating OMMCS courses during the week Nov. 24-29 with the highest academic standing were Sgts. Michael Phelps and Dennis Winfrey, Chaparral/Redeye repairer; SSgts. Nelson Davis Jr. and John Horne Jr., ammunition stock control and accounting specialist; SSgt. Mark Parizo and Pvt. Jason Nye, nuclear weapons specialist; Sgts. Tyrone Henderson and Roger Sonneman, Tow/Dragon repairer.

Craft show

The Northeast Alabama Craftsmen's Association "Christmas Craft Show" will be held Dec. 12-14 in the Von Braun Civic Center. About 170 professional craftspeople will show a variety of crafts. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. NEACA shows benefit local charities.

Recreation center

Tonight—Ping Pong at 7. Thursday—Bingo at 7. Friday—Risk at 7. Saturday—Magic Show at 7. Sunday—Model Show at 2. Monday—Trivia Quiz at 7. Tuesday—Pool Tourney at 7.

Red Cross drive winners

Winners of the October Red Cross blood drive were: 1-50 category—Human Engineering Detachment, coordinator Robert Bell; 51-100 category—AADCOM & Control System Project Office, coordinator Janice Ray; 101-200 category, Missile Systems Readiness Directorate, coordinator Marian Miaiki; 201-400 category, Product Assurance Directorate, coordinator Bruce Bialoskurski; 400-over category, Missile Logistics Center, coordinator Barbara Steel.

Red Cross blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule for this month: Dec. 10—building 111 (bus), 8 a.m. to noon; building 3480 N (515th), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 12—building 4488, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; building 4566 (bus), 8 a.m. to noon. Dec. 16—building 4752 (NASA), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 19—USASDC (buses), 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 23—building 5681 (bus), 7 a.m. to noon; building 7442 (bus), 8 a.m. to noon. Donors are reminded to put their complete office symbol in the Employer/Donor Group box. For more information call Ruth Miller, acting blood program coordinator for Redstone Arsenal, at 876-3723.

Learning center

Army Learning Center offers the following computer-based, self-paced courses. *Basic English Grammar Curriculum* is a 123-hour curriculum that consists of courses in Language and Usage, Building and Using Sentences, Word Usage, Capital Letters and Punctuation, and Writing Letters. *The Russian Reading Program* is an 80-hour course that consists of 16 Russian conversational activities intended to supplement college-level beginning and intermediate Russian classes. To enroll in these courses, send a DD form 1556 to building 7446, AMSMI-CP-TC/ALC, Attn: Army Learning Center. For more information, call 876-1061/1416.

Found property

A girls' bicycle, white in color, can be identified and claimed by the owner by contacting the Investigations Section, Attn: AMSMI-RA-PM-LE-IN, building 3649 (phone 876-2090/3449).

Government accountants

North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet on Dec. 17 at the Officers Club. Social hour begins at 11 a.m., with lunch and program to follow. Guy Gardner, a NASA astronaut, is the scheduled guest speaker. His topic will be "Future and On-Going Space Activities." For reservations call Aaron Walker 876-1366 or Karen Cooper 544-7301.

Ballet performance

"The Nutcracker" will be performed for the 19th year by the Huntsville Civic Ballet, dance company of the Community Ballet Association. Performances will be in the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2:15. Tickets cost \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens, and \$3 for groups of 10 or more. These are available at the VBCC box office and The Arts Council. Mail orders are available from Mrs. William Laird, 11014 Strong Drive, Huntsville, AL 35803 and must contain a stamped return envelope. For more information, call 881-7989.

Military Comptrollers

The Redstone/Huntsville chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will have a Christmas luncheon meeting at the Officers Club Dec. 11 at 11:30 a.m. The meal will cost \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. The program will feature a Christmas reading and the UAH Village Singers. The chapter will be collecting non-perishable food and other items to be given to a local charity for Christmas distribution. For reservations call Mary Elizabeth Smith 876-5222.

NCO Wives Club dinner party

The NCO Wives Club members will host their annual Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 13, at the NCO Club in the Redstone room. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. Board members will arrange the decor for this social. For more information, call Blanche Moore 533-5599.

Post exchange

The post exchange will operate according to the following extended hours during the holiday season: Dec. 15-20, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Dec. 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Dec. 22 and 23, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. All Christmas layaways should be picked up before noon Dec. 24.

Holiday hosts

If you're a soldier who can't go home for Christmas and would like to spend Christmas day with a civilian or military family, or if you and your family would like to share Christmas with a soldier, call Chaplain (Capt.) Bill Meyer 876-7256.

Singles group

Huntsville Singletarians is "a way for thoughtful and friendly single women and men to meet and get acquainted in a non-pressured way." The group meets regularly for hikes, movies, discussions, parties and other events. Its discussion topic for Dec. 13 is: "When I am part of a couple am I any different than when I am acting as an individual? Which is most comfortable?" This night will include serious conversation plus a chance to socialize. For more information, call Carol 852-1141 or Joyce 539-1413.



Chapel events

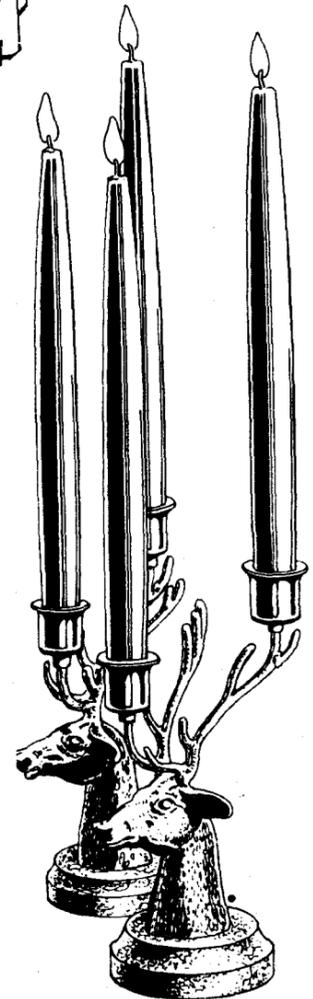
The Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at Bicentennial Chapel. Barbara Niedermeyer will present a program on "Women of the Bible" with special emphasis on Mary. Those needing child care are reminded to make reservations at the Child Development Center. The combined choirs of Post and Bicentennial Chapels under the direction of Donna DeFranco Clark will present the Christmas Cantata at both Protestant services on Dec. 14. The Post Chapel service is at 9 a.m. and the Bicentennial Chapel service is 10:45. The music will include familiar Christmas carols. The Advent Service will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 14 at Bicentennial Chapel. The Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 17 will feature Christmas music, and awards will be presented for the Christmas card decorations. Eugene Edwards and the Edwards Gospel Ensemble, which includes four vocalists and two musicians, will provide the music.

Stress management

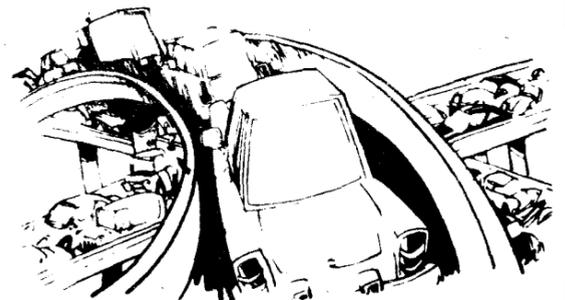
A seminar on "Stress Management" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the Medical Clinics Auditorium of the University of Alabama in Huntsville. The scheduled speaker is Dr. John B. Hopkins, a clinical psychologist and associate professor of family medicine at the UAH School of Primary Medical Care. For more information, call 536-5511 (extension 477).

Computer users

Apple Computer Users group will meet at 1 p.m. Dec. 13 at ABAX, 2806 South Memorial Parkway. There will be a demonstration of the new Apple 2 GS Computer. For more information, call Jack Lundy 876-9414/9415.



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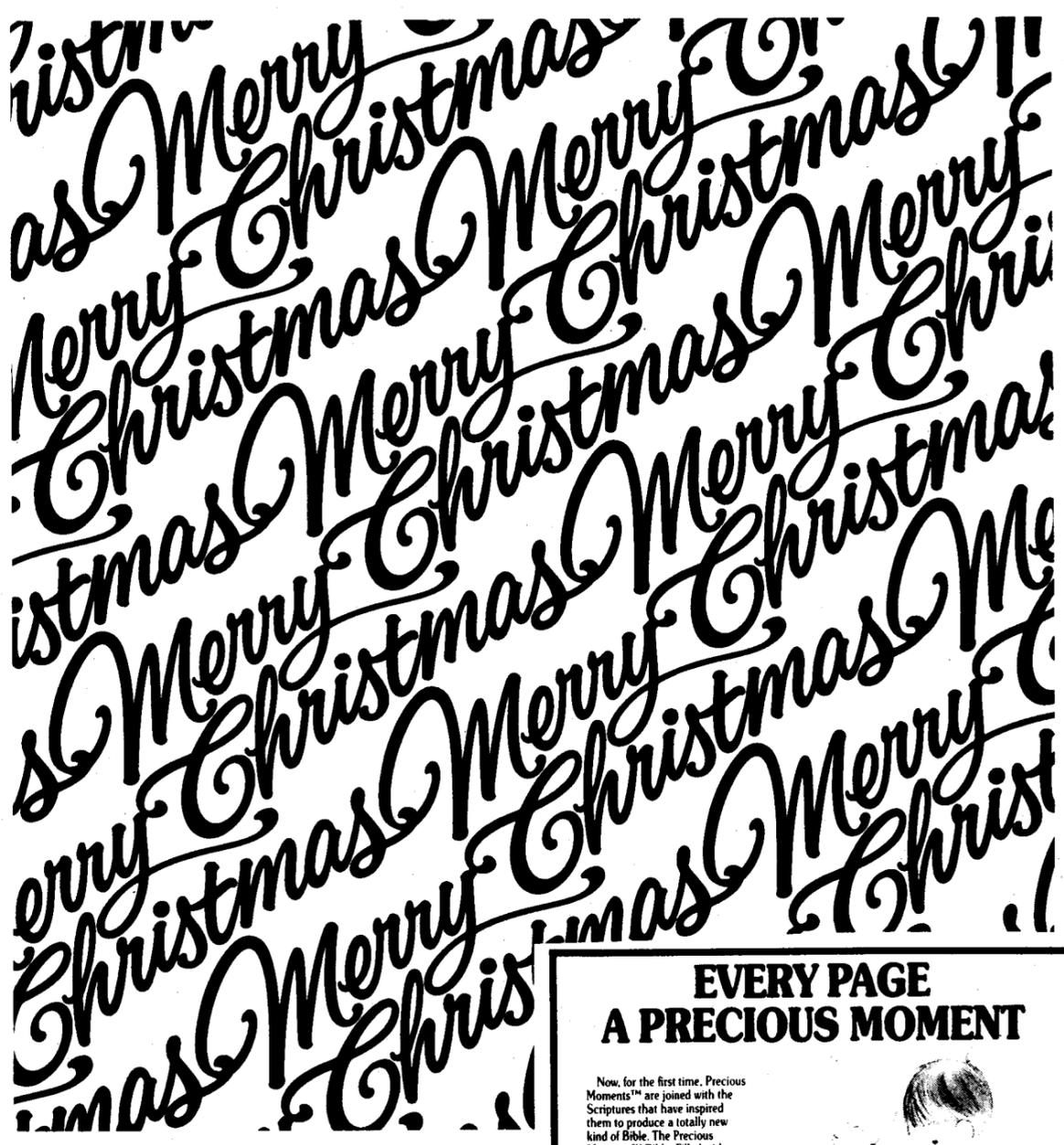
FOR SALE: 1/2 carat cluster engagement ring, wide gold band, like new \$425. Contemporary couch and loveseat with rattan sides \$300. Coffee table and two end tables \$100. Call 539-3369.

FOR SALE: Ping pong table with accessories, 3/4" fold up with wheels. Retail for \$129 will sell for \$60. Near new condition. Call 881-3425 after 4 p.m.

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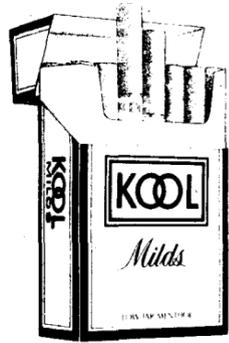
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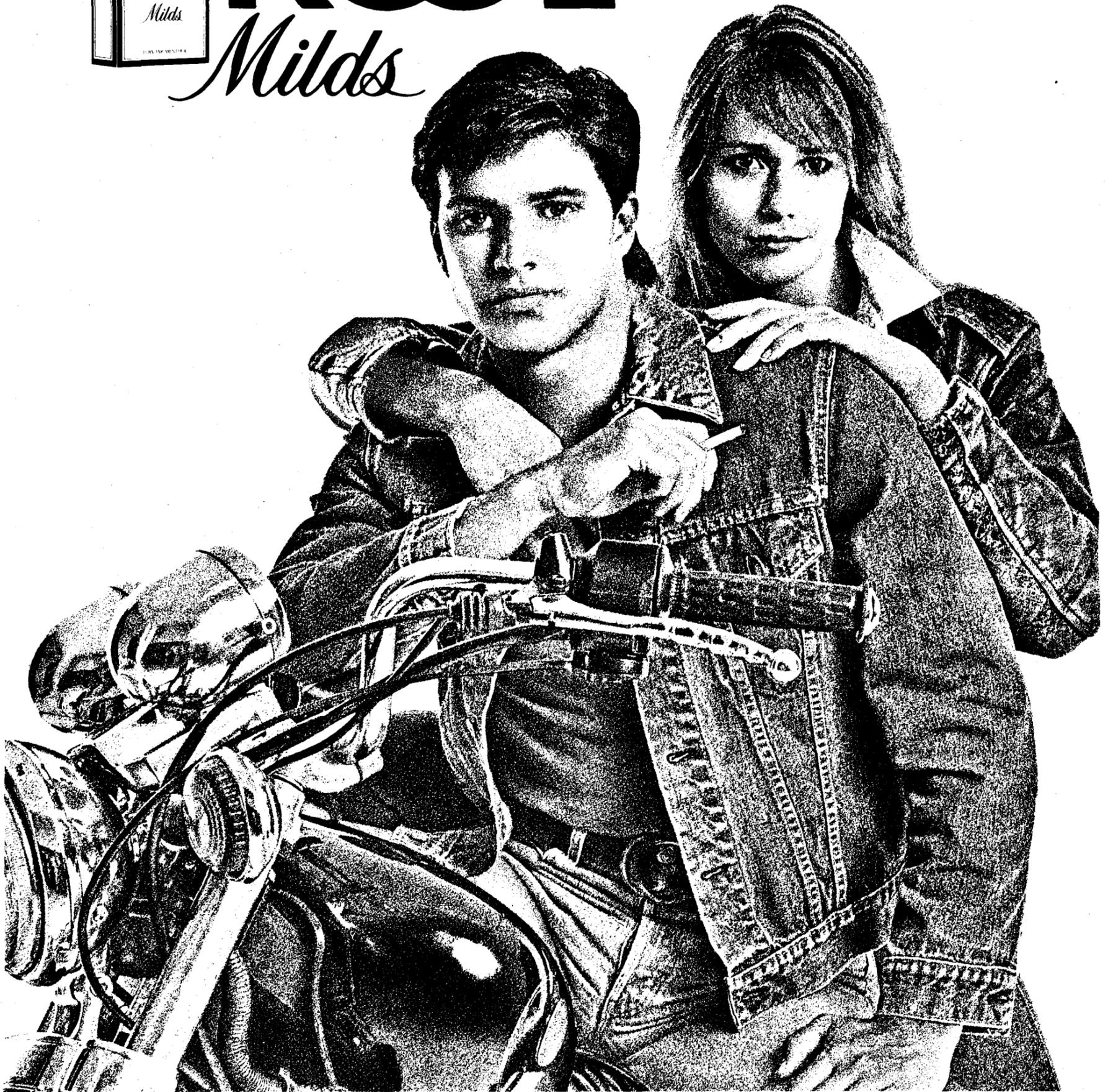
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