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Flight 242

Crash survivor's first impression: 'I can't believe I'm alive'

BY PAM ROGERS

It's been 10 years since Southern Airlines flight 242 flew out of Huntsville, bound for Atlanta. The 81 passengers included local businessmen, soldiers and Redstone civilian workers. Most of them never made it.

The DC-9 took off April 4, 1977, during a lull in stormy weather which had threatened the area all day. Minutes away from its destination it slammed into a hailstorm—a hailstorm so violent that it broke the windshield and caused the engines to fail. With both engines flamed out, Pilot William McKenzie made a desperate attempt to land his airplane on a highway. What happened next was one of the worst aviation disasters in Georgia history.

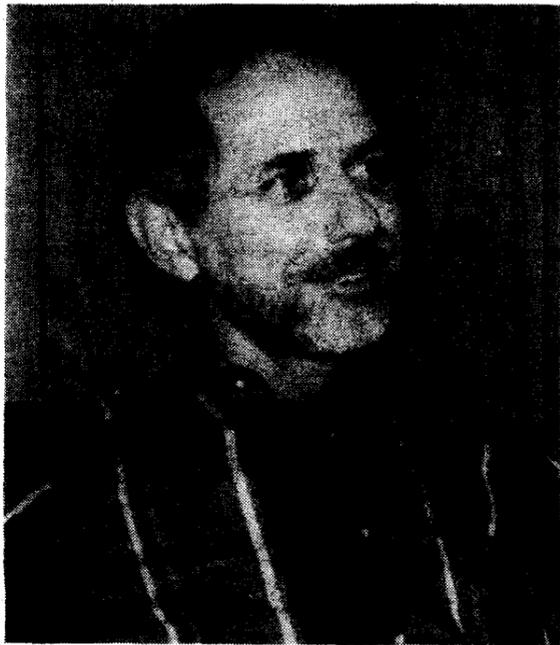
The jet came down on Georgia Highway 92, in the middle of the tiny community of New Hope, 35 miles northwest of Atlanta. According to news accounts at the time, residents thought a tornado had hit their town as the plane roared down their main street, leaving a trail of broken trees and utility poles, burning buildings and smashed cars. Eight people on the ground were killed.

24 survivors

Don Foster, a Decatur businessman, was one of the 24 survivors of the crash. His memories of the event are still clear, even after 10 years.

"I guess I always thought if I died it would be in an airplane crash. I'm a pilot myself, and I've flown dusters and sprayers—more than 4,000 hours. I think I'm more aware of the dangers than the average passenger. I always sit in the back. On a DC-9 I sit as far back as I can and still see out the window.

"When we lost both engines it was obvious we were



FOSTER



WRECKAGE— Firefighters inspect downed Southern Airlines flight 242. It has been a decade since the crash that involved many passengers from Redstone Arsenal.

in serious trouble. The best I can recall, it was seven minutes and 40 seconds before we hit," he said. He spent most of the time looking out the window.

"I had flown over the area so many times, I knew it. I knew we were too far from Atlanta.

"We started a left turn and the pilot put the wheels and flaps down. The only thing I could see was a highway—paved, two lanes, and buildings. A little community. There was nothing else out there.

"The last thing I saw was the clipped top of a utility pole, wires, and a piece of a tree hanging on the wing." He wrapped a coat around his head and held on to the seat in front of him. He remembers bouncing, then rolling as the fuselage broke into pieces. And he remembers the fire.

"The fire would rush through, then retreat, like it was running out of oxygen. It sounded like a giant blowtorch. I could feel my hands and feet burning," he said.

Flames everywhere

When what was left of the plane came to a stop, Foster got up and looked around.

"I turned to the rear. There were flames everywhere, and heavy smoke. I couldn't see anyone alive around me. I realized if anyone was alive, they were gone. I ran as fast as I could out the back. I ran until I fell into a ditch. Then there was an explosion."

Foster lay in the ditch, looking at the remains of the airplane.

"My first impression was, 'I can't believe I'm alive.'"

There was just nothing there but a bunch of twisted metal and fire," he said.

An ambulance came by. Foster and another survivor in the ditch waved it on to help others more seriously injured.

"I felt great—until I tried to move. I could stand up or lie down, but I couldn't sit. I had a compression fracture in my spine, broken ribs, a broken bone in my neck, a broken foot, a cut artery and second-degree burns.

"Looking back, just being alive after something like that, you start to have crazy thoughts. I was lying in the ditch, and I felt great. Two ladies came by, and best I remember, one of them had a camera. One of them said, 'God, did you see that man?' I thought, 'My land, somebody is in bad shape.' I looked around, and then I knew they were talking about me. It struck me as funny," he said.

Investigations

Afterwards, Foster testified before the National Transportation Safety Board and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Aviation Safety. He heard tapes of cockpit conversation, and later learned the plane had passed within three miles of an airport.

"The pilots never knew it. Apparently the controller never told them. I didn't know that until much later," he said.

Foster believes the plane crashed as a result of several different factors.

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Emergency relief campaign seeks to collect \$40,000

The local Army Emergency Relief campaign is set for April 13 through May 20 with a goal of \$40,000.

"We make interest-free loans and outright grants to Army personnel and family members, both active duty and retired," said Juanita Adams, the AER officer for Redstone Arsenal. "AER is a nonprofit organization and it stays in business for the sole purpose of helping the Army family meet their emergency financial needs."

Army Emergency Relief includes a student loan and grant program for spouses as well as children.

This year's campaign kickoff is scheduled for 10

a.m. April 10 in room B-200 at building 5250. Maj. Gen. Thomas Reese is to speak at the session for key representatives from Redstone and the local area.

"Last year's goal was \$37,000; however we far exceeded that, collecting the highest amount ever at Redstone Arsenal," Adams said.

The relief fund has been in existence since 1942 and "every year the need seems to be greater than the prior year," she said. She believes the financial hardship caused by a relocation is among the reasons military families need this kind of organization. "I know the majority of people who come in for AER loans have

just made a move and it's exhausted all their funds because they have to set up a whole new household and that's expensive," Adams explained.

Active and retired military are the only people solicited for contributions to the fund, but civilian donations will be welcome. Contributions can be made by either cash or payroll deduction to AER. The campaign coordinator is 1st Lt. Larry Franklin of HHC.

The Army Emergency Relief office, part of Army Community Service, is located in building 3491 on Honest John Road. For more information call 876-5468.



In gratitude

Editor:

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to those folks that helped my daughter after she was struck by a car on Goss Road Friday afternoon.

To the MP's and medical personnel, I gladly say that I witnessed a group of professionals at work. Major Johnson, Capt. Dixon, MSgt. Trammell, Sgt. Rice, and Sp4's Willard and Bennett of MEDDAC did more than treat my daughter; they reassured her that she would be all right. Sp4 Cohoon and Sp4 Ferfort of the 291st MP Company kept spectators out of the way and made sure that traffic moved smoothly. Mr. Frazier of the Traffic Investigation Division went about his job quickly and professionally. My extreme thanks to all of you.

To the person that placed the blanket under my daughter's head: Thanks and if you will contact me at work or home I have the blanket and will be holding it for you. The numbers are 876-7387 (work) or 830-6954 (home).

Last of all, I ask that all who operate a motor vehicle on the arsenal be extra careful now that warmer weather is here. While I know that getting home after working all day is important, so are the pedestrians.

SFC Norman L. McKinney
MICOM Retention Office

Whistle-blowers

Editor:

Referencing your articles addressing "union assistance, supervisors, and other related articles concerning real management problems," I also concur that these problems are real and very true. To the workers who have access to the union or those permitted to use the grievance process, consider yourselves lucky. These two avenues are not available to everyone.

For informational purposes let it be known that if you work off post or for activities not recognized by the union, even though you may be a dues-paying member, the union will not represent you. If you file a grievance, management may ignore their responsibilities to try and resolve it at any level they so desire.

In other words, good managers try to resolve problems; bad managers waste money by referring cases to the U.S. Army Civilian Appellate Review Agency (USACARA) that could be solved locally.

At any time during the grievance process, if discrimination is alleged, the grievance process stops

and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) process begins. Locally, the EEO process is viewed by many as a laugh. How can any employee believe in a process when a blanket endorsement to practice racism continues to be permitted? Reference the recent court proceedings against the Procurement Directorate whereas we all know who testified, "there is no discrimination at MICOM." Also when the federal judge adjudicating the trial ruled that a MICOM-appointed EEO representative was "not qualified to make judgments of discriminations..." These actions give management strong signs that they may do as they please and the persons being discriminated against have no hope of fair treatment.

Real issues are being surfaced by the articles referenced above, of which I offer the following comments: "Giving your supervisor the chance to help..." What if your supervisor is the problem or the cause of the problem? What if they openly and actively practice discrimination? What if they prepare false charges against you? What is management doing to correct the hiring and promoting of bad supervisors? What happens when bad supervisors are perpetuated within the management chain? Many careers are being ruined by bad management needlessly.

"Being labeled a troublemaker..." Not only is this label used the effects are more far-reaching than those stated in the article. You receive no credit for the work you perform, no rewards for the sacrifices you make, lies are told on you, the chance for promotion is gone, you are humiliated, you may be charged AWOL even though you are present at work, you are denied training, you ask for help and no one listens... Another example will be given later.

To keep my peace of mind I read the following quote each day: "What every regime calls a 'troublemaker' is, more often than not, someone who persists in making a fuss about the trouble the regime has caused and prefers to have swept under the rug rather than openly examined and debated."

"Seeking the inspector general's involvement..." Albeit the IG is supposed to be impartial and really concerned with the well-being of the U.S. Army, but a visit to the IG's office is not wise. You are told by the IG that your conversation is confidential, however, management can be aware of everything said to the IG. Even under the "Privacy Act," management has access by claiming a need to know.

I visited the IG's office a couple of weeks ago and guess what I got me? I now have a "Proposed Letter of Suspension." This letter claims "making false and malicious statements against supervisors and organizations with the effect of harming the reputation and/or official standing and refusing to obey a direct order."

First, what I said I don't know! Second, who did I say it to! Third, if I said them, then they are probably true! The management of any organization is responsible for its own reputation. I know not what harm I have caused, nor to whom. Now reverse this and it would be true.

The claim of "disobeying a direct order" is claimed for writing a DF to the person proposing the suspension. What regulation prohibits an employee from writing a DF? Can a supervisor order an employee to not write a DF? To top the whole thing off, I did not write the DF after I was ordered not to!

Now for the best part: the same person proposing the suspension is the same person who ordered me not

to write the DFs and has now requested that I respond in writing within 15 days and if I respond, guess what? I have to write a DF!

The organization I work for has a bad reputation everywhere we have visited and let it be known that I am not in management, nor has management accepted any recommendation I have ever made. I have been called "stupid" more than once for supporting bad recommendations made by our management.

Shall I go to MER? "MER..." that's saying a big mouthful. I do not agree with the writer's proposing a name change. I say eliminate the entire division. I sympathize with the reader in being "lied to, given erroneous information, treated with less than respect..." In my opinion, that's more the norm than the exception for MER.

How much money could be saved if MER was eliminated? A whole bunch, and it would probably impact the bad management problems we are having for the better since their support of these bad practices would be lost. Then maybe, just maybe, the U.S. Army at MICOM could afford to hire one or two lawyers to replace the entire MER Division. These lawyers should be impartial and only be concerned with legal improprieties management is currently committing.

My suggestion would be that for each proven illegality being committed by management that it be charged against their salaries by a pre-constructed table, i.e., discrimination, \$10,000; violation of civil rights, \$9,000 lying, \$20,000; unjust cash awards, 10 times the amount awarded plus 10 months salary...Get the picture.

The management personnel I work for would be fined enough within one week to sustain two attorneys' salaries for a normal 20-year career. That's no lie! This would make management stop and think, or at least stop. How much justification does management need before actions are taken? None! That's a shame. Whatever management says goes and MER will support them. Who do we employees have to turn to?

In conclusion, let me say I have done everything from keeping my mouth shut for years, requested to see management officials from the union all the way to the general and none will (or can) help or even see you. The chief of CPO did not pay me the courtesy of returning my phone calls after I went by to see him no less than three times requesting an audience.

Until management recognizes and promotes employees based upon job performance and not the "good ole boy buddy-buddy plan," the aforementioned problems will continue and grow into darker clouds that someday will burst.

Do we need this to happen before someone in the management hierarchy takes note and corrects the problems? Am I a whistle-blower?

Why I admire them: the whistle-blower is our prin-
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Responsibility comes with rights of Constitution

FORT MONROE, Va.— The Constitution of the United States is a history of vision, a personal meaning for every American citizen. It is as intimate as the air we breathe. It is our individual declaration of privilege.

As George Washington said, "Interwoven is the love of liberty with every ligament of the heart." It is a trust, and vision is the key. If we fail to grasp that, we fail.

It was a peculiar group that gathered to form the Constitution. Something else was burning in their minds; something not quite of the world they knew stirred in their hearts. They understood some truth they couldn't yet prove; they reached for a reality that it seemed at times only they recognized.

But they refused to be defeated; they struck out confidently against ridicule and discouragement under an audacious banner of faith: "...one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

And they spelled out that liberty and justice to the people. The vision was meant to materialize— not rest in an ivory tower. It was meant to be righteousness

worked out into practical, everyday life: justice tempered with mercy, peace assured by defense, and equality claimed by the sheer right of being common men. The vision was humility, that being men, we share all things. We are one.

But our rights cannot remain without protection. Our prerogatives are not without responsibility. Our immunity did not come without affliction. Patrick Henry, champion of the Constitution's Bill of Rights, cautioned, "If we wish to be free; if we mean to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been long contending...we must fight!" (TRADOC News Service)



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Family child care offers alternative for working parents

Editor's Note: The following is the first article in a three-part series on the Family Child Care Program, an Army-wide initiative to provide quality care for children on military installations.

BY ANN KEAYS

FORT MONROE, Va.— When a soldier receives orders for a permanent move, there are a number of concerns — housing, the new job, a different lifestyle, transportation. If the soldier is a parent, there's an additional problem — child care.

If the youngsters are old enough for school, the spouse may want to find a job outside the home. And in many cases, even though the children are too young for school, financial obligations make it necessary for the spouse to work.

When both parents have jobs outside the home, child care becomes a major concern. Child care centers, nursery schools, babysitters, and willing relatives are all possible solutions to the problem.

There is however, another alternative — the Family Child Care Program. An Army-wide program, FCC is chartered in Army Regulation 608-10. Each installation is authorized an FCC director, whose job is to certify child care locally by establishing training for child care providers.

Providers are people who take children into their government quarters and give them developmental care. They are professionals, trained and certified by Army regulation. They undergo background investigations and attend a variety of educational classes and workshops. It takes at least six months from the time a potential child care provider applies to become part of the program until full certification can be accomplish-

ed. And after that, there are periodic refresher courses and further training in which the child care provider must participate to remain qualified as a professional in the FCC program.

The provider is paid for child care services by the parents of the children. Details of the care are agreed upon and both the provider and the parents sign a contract. Child care providers live on military installations, and therefore must abide by Army Regulation 210-50. Since the Family Child Care Program is a professional business operated in government quarters, it is regulated and permitted by consent of the local commander.

Child care providers are visited regularly by members of the local FCC staff, the safety office, fire department, and preventive medicine office. Some visits are announced, but others are not. All aspects of the provider's home environment are inspected — safety, cleanliness, adequate playing space, nutritional meals, recreational activities, and the quality of interpersonal child care.

The Family Child Care Program is organized under Child Development Services on each installation. In TRADOC, about 500 homes with child care providers have been certified within the past year, according to Harriett Holley, Family Child Care Specialist at TRADOC headquarters. The average FCC home is providing care for four or five children.

Holley, whose office is located in the Family Support Branch—Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Administration, and Logistics, said she acts as middleman between the TRADOC installations and Department of the Army.

"We try to standardize the Family Child Care Programs at the installations without micro-managing," Holley said. "We allocate funds and provide guidance based on the regulations."

Holley was the FCC director at Fort Dix, N.J., before assuming her position on the TRADOC staff. With a background that includes teaching preschoolers, training Headstart Program teachers, and managing a Child Care Center in Mainz, Germany, Holley is especially enthusiastic about the FCC program.

"Soldiers need to have the freedom of knowing their children are being cared for while they are fulfilling their military duties," Holley said. "This program offers soldier-parents family child care providers at any time they are needed. If soldiers have to go to the field for extended periods, or have to work at odd hours when day-care centers are not open, they know their children are going to receive quality care, not just babysitting."

When soldier-parents arrive at a new assignment, they should go to the local Child Development Services and ask about the Family Child Care Program, said Holley. After they state their needs, they will receive a referral list containing names of at least three certified child care providers.

Holley's advice to parents then is to visit the home and establish a relationship with the family they select to care for their children. They don't have to take the first name on the list, she added.

"Our goal is to match the right provider with the right child. We do everything we can to alleviate the parent's anxiety about child care. This is a program that the soldier can rely on," said Holley. (This series of articles was written for TRADOC News Service by Ann Keays, of the office of chief of public affairs at the Army Training and Doctrine Command.)

Military band to take part in celebration in Huntsville

The 389th Army Band, "AMC's Own," will visit Huntsville in May to help with the third annual Huntsville-Madison County Armed Forces Celebration May 26-31.

Based at Fort Monmouth, N.J., the band is making a nationwide tour under the sponsorship of the Army Materiel Command. The tour is in honor of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and also commemorates the 25th anniversary of AMC.

The band will be a part of the area's tribute to the mutually beneficial relationship the military and civilian communities here have enjoyed over the years.

Activities for the week include industry and military exhibits at the Von Braun Civic Center, a patriotic music show, a volksmarch, military reenactments, parades and a baseball game sponsored by the Association of the United States Army.

AMC's Own will give several concerts during the week-long celebration, including performances at the

Von Braun Civic Center, the baseball game, the volksmarch, and an outdoor concert at Big Spring Park.

The 40-piece band is commanded by bandmaster CWO 3 Thomas N. Altringer. The group has a repertoire that includes marches, overtures, classical and patriotic music.

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Clinic addition means more efficiency

BY PAM ROGERS

Redstone's veterinary clinic is better-equipped to serve its patients, thanks to a \$50,000 remodeling job which includes a new laboratory, surgical and X-ray facilities, and office space.

The surgery and X-ray rooms were built expressly for the treatment of military working dogs, according to Sgt. Steve Milks, an animal health technician.

"We don't have any military dogs right now, but we know Redstone is getting them, and we must be equipped to treat them," Milks said.

Selena Garrity, another animal health technician, likes the room the new lab has provided.

"This used to be our lab," she said, leading the way into a small room which has been converted to an examining room.

"Now we're more efficient. We can work and the doctor can work. We don't have to rush people through," Garrity said.

A big change in store for the veterinary clinic will be the arrival of a full-time veterinarian in late summer or early fall, according to CWO 2 Alex Stokes, deputy commander of Veterinary Services.

"The presence of a resident veterinarian will make it easier for clients to obtain health certificates and obtain emergency care for their pets," he said. Treatment of animals still will be limited by Army regulations.

"The veterinarian will have an expanded role, working with the wildlife management program. We've had people bring deer in with broken legs. We couldn't treat them before," he said, adding that the new veterinarian would also help out with the zoonoses control program.

Vaccinations are by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-ins are accepted for worm checks and purchases Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.



WAITING — Patrick Davis and Rags await the results of a parasite check.

Treatment and drugs are available at on a cost-plus basis, Stokes said, with all money collected deposited in the Non-Appropriated Fund.

The clinic frequently has several animals available for adoption, Stokes said. For more information call 876-2441.

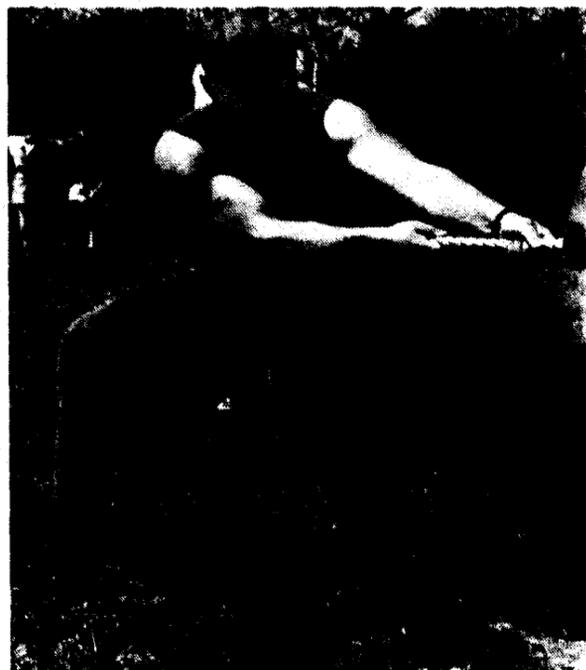
Battalion has organizational day

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion went to the field last weekend...for fun and games.

Sports and music made up the agenda for the 832nd Ordnance Battalion's first annual organizational day.

Members of the battalion enjoyed a day of outdoor activities on Saturday, March 28 at the civilian recreation area. Among the events were a relay race, volleyball, chess and tug-of-war. Entertainment was provided by "Cotton Eyed Joe" Music Show.

When the dust cleared, B Company had become the overall winner by collecting the most points from the day's events. C Company came in second followed by, in order of finish, D Company, A Company, and HHD.



ANCHOR— PFC Gary Bolmer of B Company anchors his unit's team during tug-of-war competition.

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Patriot Project lost three people on flight 242

BY PAM ROGERS

Charles Cockrell was working late the afternoon of April 4, 1977. When another Missile Command official called and asked if he'd heard the news, he was puzzled.

"What news?" I said. He said, "We have a plane down. Did you have any people on it?" Well, we had several," Cockrell said.

The plane, Southern Flight 242, left Huntsville in stormy weather and was scheduled to arrive in Atlanta at 4:20 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. It crashed in New Hope, Ga., killing 69 people.

Cockrell, then deputy project manager for Patriot, was supposed to be on the plane. He canceled his reservation an hour before takeoff.

"We had planned this big review with Raytheon. We originally had 10 people scheduled, but the press of other business caused us to reduce it to four," he said.

The four representatives were William V. Gudaitis, Maj. Edward F. Rosler, Leland C. Lavender and Thomas M. Mazingo. Gudaitis, Rosler and Lavender worked in the Patriot Project Office. Mazingo was a procurement analyst who worked with Patriot. Of the four, only Lavender survived.

"Before they left we were standing in the hallway and I remember that the weather looked threatening. Bill (Gudaitis) remarked about the weather. He joked that it might be an interesting trip," Cockrell said.

After the crash, "several people were dispatched," Cockrell said. "We sent a couple of people over who knew the folks. I stayed and waited for calls.

"Lee Lavender got out of the airplane, got a ride to town and started to admit himself to a hospital. They asked him who he was with, and he said the Army," Cockrell said. The hospital officials thought he was a soldier and sent him to the Army hospital at Fort McPherson.

"When we heard Lee was all right, everyone got their hopes up," Cockrell said.

Cockrell spent the next few days trying to ease the

families of the lost workers though the initial shock and grief they were experiencing.

"It was a pretty traumatic time.

"Mrs. Rosler had been widowed before. Mazingo had two teen-aged kids. Gudaitis had several children still at home. It was very hard for them to accept. We attended three funerals in one day," he said.

At the office, a plaque was created in memory of the three who had died. For several years, someone—Cockrell never knew who it was—left a bouquet of flowers under the plaque on the anniversary of the crash.

"The project felt the impact for days, weeks, months afterwards. When you work in a project office you get to know people very well. Our first reaction was one of disbelief. The fact that one person survived was a real blessing. One out of four was saved, but it was hard because we knew we would miss the others so terribly much," he said.

"How do you fill the void of people lost like that? There's no way to plan for the loss of a key person.

"You just really can't brace yourself for this event. It leaves a void in the workplace and at home, but it's felt more in the home," he said.

Cockrell retired from Patriot in 1980, but he's tried to keep in touch with the families of the workers who died on Flight 242.

"I've maintained casual contact with Gudaitis' wife. I'm particularly amazed at what she's done for the children, to give them the education they deserve. Each one is a professional or on the way to becoming one. If Bill had survived he would've enjoyed seeing that.

"I lost track of Rosler's wife, but I saw Mazingo's wife a couple of years ago," he said. Her children were grown and getting ready to leave home.

Cockrell has good things to reflect on when he thinks of the three who didn't make it.

"I carry mental pictures of them, of bright, knowledgeable, congenial people. They gave their very best.

"These things won't fade away. They're part of life—part of what you remember about people, even after they've long since departed."

Fateful flight recalled

Southern Flight 242, a DC-9 enroute to Atlanta with 81 passengers and four crew members on board, crashed April 4, 1977 at 4:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The crash occurred in New Hope, Ga., a small community 35 northwest of Atlanta. There were 69 people killed by the crash, including eight on the ground. The pilot, William W. McKenzie, and the first officer, Lyman W. Keele, Jr., both died. There were 24 survivors.

Redstone civilians and soldiers killed in the crash included Gordon B. Coley, Redstone resident engineer; William V. Gudaitis of the Patriot Project Office, Thomas M. Mazingo of the Procurement and Production Directorate, Phillip R. Sherrill of the Missile Intelligence Agency, Maj. Edward F. Rosler of the Patriot Project Office, Pvt. Robert M. Sanders, on his way to a new assignment at Fort Gordon, Ga., and William F. Goubeaud, an enlisted reservist on his way home after training.

Survivors from Redstone included Tommy J. Coe of the Missile Intelligence Agency, Leland C. Lavender of the Patriot Project Office, Pvt. Frederick L. Clemens, formerly of the Missile and Munitions Center and School, Pvt. Lee D. Collier, formerly of MMCS; PFC Jeffrey Magnell, formerly of MMCS; and Pvt. Amy Sebastian, formerly of MMCS. The soldiers were on their way to new assignments.

Alive

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"I couldn't believe they took off in the first place. I thought we would sit at the gate for a while. This may not be accurate, but it seems there was a weather statement the pilot didn't receive. I can find fault with the controllers. They have a tough job, but so do the pilots. I admire them, but when a DC-9 says he's lost power on both engines, and the controller says, 'roger,' and talks to three other airplanes, something is wrong."

Foster said investigations revealed that ice on the nose of the aircraft had caused the radar to malfunction.

"Operating within a weather system like that, the pilots had a tough time analyzing the radar," he said.

"The controllers weren't prepared. They weren't mentally prepared and they didn't have the reference material they needed close at hand.

"I'm not sure where the fault lies," he said.

Foster went on with his life after the crash. He continued to fly airplanes.

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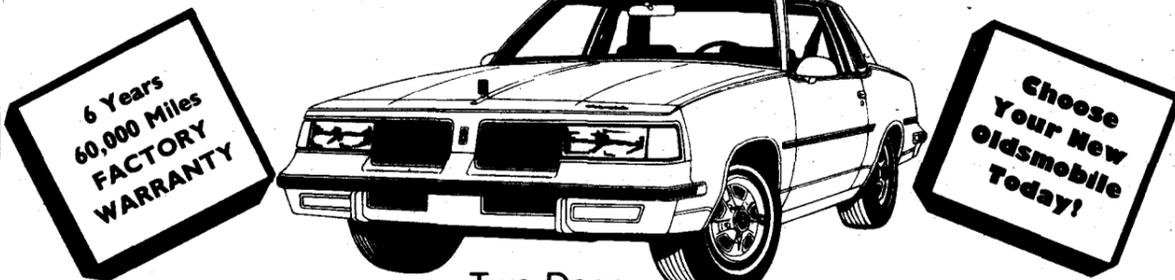
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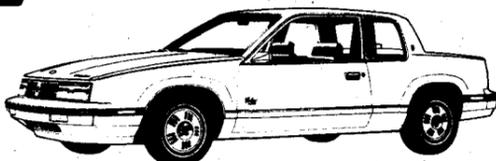


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Target missile sales benefit government

The U.S. Treasury is a little bit richer today, thanks to money the government received from sales of an Army target missile.

Beech Aircraft Corporation of Wichita, Kan., this week was to give the Army \$43,138 from direct sales of the MQM-107 target missile to foreign countries.

The two checks—one for \$28,108 and the other for \$15,030—bring the total paid back to the Treasury to \$248,263 since 1975 when the contract was awarded.

Money paid back by the contractor represents "a prorated share of the non-recurring costs for the development of this system," said George Mitchell, chief of program management at the Targets Management Office. That office is part of MICOM's Missile Logistics Center.

"That's money that's going back in the U.S. Treasury that otherwise would not have been available if not for the direct sale," Mitchell said.

The MQM-107 system is a ground launched drone target. Controlled from the ground, the system is to be used as a target in air defense training. It is also used to test Army air defense missile systems.

Beech Aircraft was awarded the manufacturing contract in 1975 as a result of competition with another company. Subsequently, with the Army's approval, it has been selling directly to foreign countries. "To determine how much they pay back by unit, we do a cost analysis that takes all the money spent on that development and project all the units that are going to be produced. And (we) come up with a cost per unit," Mitchell said. "That determines how much they'll pay back for each unit that they sell to foreign countries."

In a presentation set for March 30, Bruce Cooper of Beech Aircraft in Huntsville was to present the two checks to Dave Dalton, the program manager for targets management office. He in turn would give them to the finance and accounting office for return to the U.S. Treasury.

Troop bowling

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

Tuesday's Conference:

Team	Won	Lost
A Co. (E&TTD-1)	563	87
HHC-1	442	208
C Company 73rd Ord Bn-1	432.5	217.5
A Company 73rd Ord Bn	430	220
B Co. (B.D.T.)	387	263
Meddac-3	380	270
C Company 73rd Ord Bn	356.5	293.5
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-3	286.5	363.5
TMDE	275.5	374.5
Marines-2	233.5	416.5
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-2	219.5	430.5
291st MPs-2	202.5	447.5
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-1	173.5	476.5
291st MPs-3	146	504

200 games bowled March 24:

Gary Gibbs	252
Dave Hobbs	235
Mick Gabree	230
Bob Thorne	214
Rich Collins	213
Alex Lee	210 & 205
Doug Dixon	208
Gerald Sommers	208
Felipe Quintanilla	204

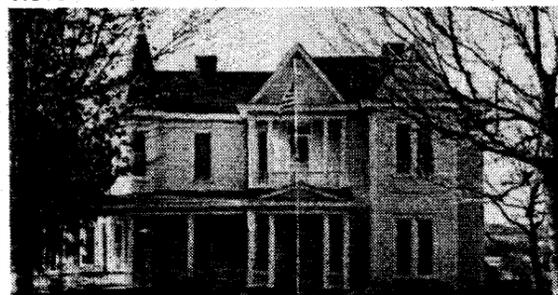
Thursday's Conference:

Team	Won	Lost
B Co. (S.A.D.)	470.5	179.5
B Co. (L.C.D.)	456.5	193.5
Meddac-1	444	206
515th-2	434.5	215.5
Marines-1	430	220
A Co. (E&TTD-2)	350.5	299.5
HHC-2	332.5	317.5
515th-1	311	339
Meddac-2	297	353
C Company 73rd Ord Bn-2	255.5	394.5
D Company 832nd Ord Bn	242.5	407.5
B Co. (E.O.D.)	229.5	420.5
291st MPs-1	162.5	487.5
A Company 832nd Ord Bn		(dropped)

200 games bowled on March 26:

Norman Fichter	231
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Reproduction wins title in CWF hoops

Reproduction, the Untouchables, and the Lady Cougars are the regular season champions of Civilian Welfare Fund basketball.

The Reproduction team posted a 15-3 record to win in the men's 34 years and under league. Meanwhile, the Untouchables were untouched by all comers with eight straight regular season wins in the men's 35 and over league. The Lady Cougars were also a perfect 8-0 in the women's league.

In final men's 34 and under regular season action, Reproduction whipped the P&P-2 team 84-70 while the P&P-1 squad beat MISD 88-77.

Terry Nance and Thomas Hall each scored 20 and Coy Holden and Luther Johnson hit for 16 apiece to lead Reproduction past P&P-2. Willis Epps scored a game-high 37 for P&P-2 followed by Dante Emanuel 12 and Ken Gurley 11.

Lorenzo Jones with 27, Joe Carter 19, and Tyrone Sumlin 13 paced P&P-1 over MISD. For MISD, Terry Whitman scored 27, Rickey Pitts 25 and Leonard Luman 15.

The Untouchables tasted defeat for the first time this year in the post season tournament for the men's 35 and over league. CPO pulled the big upset with a 46-37 win as Glenn Gurley struck for 22 points and 10 rebounds. Gary Bogue scored 13 for the Untouchables.

In other 35 and over tournament games, COE beat the Missile Systems-2 team 50-42. Lester Young scored 20 for the winners. Missile Systems-2 was led by Bill Linsley and Earl Fitchard who each scored 12.

The Lady Cougars reached 8-0 with a forfeit from COE in their final game for the women's regular season. Meanwhile, the D-73 All Stars won by forfeit over Security. In women's tournament action, the Lady Cougars beat Security 69-51 while the D-73 All Stars romped past the Rockets 63-37. Crystal Cooper with 16 and Len Bolden 15 paced the Lady Cougars in their tournament opener; Teri Kelly scored a game-high 23 for Security. Ann Malone, Pam Jackson and B.J. Grath each hit for 16 in the D-73 All Stars win. Denise Parker scored 20 for the Rockets.

Last but not least, a men's all-star CWF team can enjoy bragging rights until next year after whipping the Redstone post team 93-81. The March 20 result marked the civilian all-stars' first win over the post military team since 1984. After trailing 53-41 at halftime, the civilians mounted a scrappy man-to-man defense that took them to a 64-62 lead with seven minutes to go in the game. They never trailed again.

Tommy High scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to pace the all-stars. He had scoring help from James Stevenson 20, Terry Nance 18 and Joe Carter and Dewight Harris, 10 each. The post team was led by Derrick Lewis with 23, John Elmore 19 and Ron Pitts 11.

Final CWF records

Mens 34 years and under league;

	W	L
Reproduction	15	3
P&P-2	14	4
Missile Systems-1	13	5
MISD	13	6
PAO	9	9
MSIC	8	10
P&P-1	6	12
MIA	4	14

(Terry Nance of Reproduction wins league MVP award for regular season. With 22 point average, Willis Epps of P&P-2 is league's leading scorer for third straight year.)

Mens 35 years and over league;

	W	L
Untouchables	8	0
Missile Systems-2	5	3
COE	4	4
CPO	1	7

(Gary Bogue of the Untouchables is named league MVP for regular season. George Boone, a teammate, wins top scoring honors with 16.9 average.)

Womens league

	W	L
Lady Cougars	8	0
D-73 All Stars	6	2
Rockets	4	4
Security	3	5

(Crystal Cooper of Lady Cougars, leading scorer with 21.7 average, wins league MVP award for regular season.)

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During the training, stations were set up to instruct and familiarize the soldiers with all phases of MOPP-level wear, and the proper storage and cleaning of the equipment.

"The exercise is not to harass our soldiers, but to give them confidence in their equipment," said 1st Lt. Roosevelt Pitts, executive officer of Company A. "Common task training is needed for Army expertise, and we try to make it as realistic as possible so the soldiers will get more out of it."

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IN GEAR — Company A soldiers try out protective gear.



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Recreation Center has a lot to offer for springtime

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The warm weather is a sure sign that spring is here. It's the time of year that people would rather stay outdoors.

Redstone's Recreation Center can help civilian and military people enjoy their leisure time this season. The center offers tours, discount tickets and information on attractions in Huntsville and other areas.

Its first big tour of the season is a vacation trip to Orlando, Fla., set for May 7-12. The itinerary includes three days at Disney World and Epcot Center, a day at Sea World, and an evening at Medieval Times Dinner Theater. Price for adults is \$298 and includes transportation by bus, hotel accommodations (double occupancy), and admissions. Children's prices vary, so those interested should call the recreation center for details.

A tour to Memphis is scheduled May 30-31. Attractions include the "Ramesses the Great" exhibit, billed as the largest collection of Egyptian arts and artifacts ever to tour this country. Also, tour members get to see the Graceland home of the late Elvis Presley and take an optional evening trip to the greyhound racetrack. The \$66.50 price—excluding a small additional fee for those who go to the racetrack—includes bus transportation and one-night accommodations.

The recreation center will have one day tours to Six Flags, Opryland, Atlanta Braves baseball games, and

an evening dinner cruise on the General Jackson showboat in Nashville.

"People usually really enjoy our tours," said Mike Chemsak, director of the recreation center.

"They're really good prices," said Diane Gilliam, recreation specialist. "And it's more fun to travel in a group than by yourself, a good way to meet new people."

The tours include a trip to Atlanta's Six Flags Over Georgia, April 12 (cost \$16.75 for adults, \$13 for children ages 3 through 6); Opryland in Nashville, April 19 (price \$18.50 for ages 4 and older); Atlanta Braves baseball, May 10 (\$11 for all ages); General Jackson evening dinner cruise, June 13 or 14 (cost \$40); and a trip to Opryland, June 21.

Nashville's General Jackson tour includes a prime rib dinner and a floor show on the boat, according to Chemsak.

Trips are open to active and retired military people, family members, U.S. government employees, and their guests. Civilian workers can sign up anytime for the overnight tours to Memphis and Orlando, but should sign up for the one-day trips a week in advance.

Flags, Point Mallard in Decatur, Huntsville Stars baseball games, and Dollywood at Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Savings vary "anywhere from \$2.50 to 50 cents, depending on the ticket," Chemsak said.

Also available at the recreation center are travel brochures for Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. "It's a good time of the year to get out and travel around and enjoy the weather after a pretty dreary winter," Gilliam said.

For those wanting help in planning a vacation, the Scheduled Airline Traffic Office has a leisure travel section at the recreation center. John Bingham and Lisa Hunter say they offer free help for any type of vacation arrangements. A percentage of money from purchases goes back into military community and family activities programs. Open since February, their office number is 881-8626/8629.

Hours for the recreation center, building 3711 on Patton Road, are 1:30 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The phone number is 876-5492/4531.

Discount tickets

The recreation center should soon have discount tickets to the following attractions: Opryland, Six



Blower

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Fishing expected to improve at Igloo Pond on post after fish transfer from secure area

BY PAM ROGERS

Anglers here have a few more fish to catch since several largemouth bass were moved from one pond to another during a joint operation between Facilities Engineers and Outdoor Recreation.

The fish were collected from the pond at Test Area 2 and released in the Igloo Pond on March 21. Workers from Facilities Engineers and the Olin Chemical Company used an air boat equipped with an electric shocking device to gather the fish. The shocking apparatus delivered a 24-volt charge to the water, stunning the fish so they could be netted.

"We were a little surprised at the numbers and the sizes," said Jesse Horton, installation forester. "We got a total of 29 fish, all largemouth bass. We were only going after largemouth bass." The largest bass taken weighed six pounds.

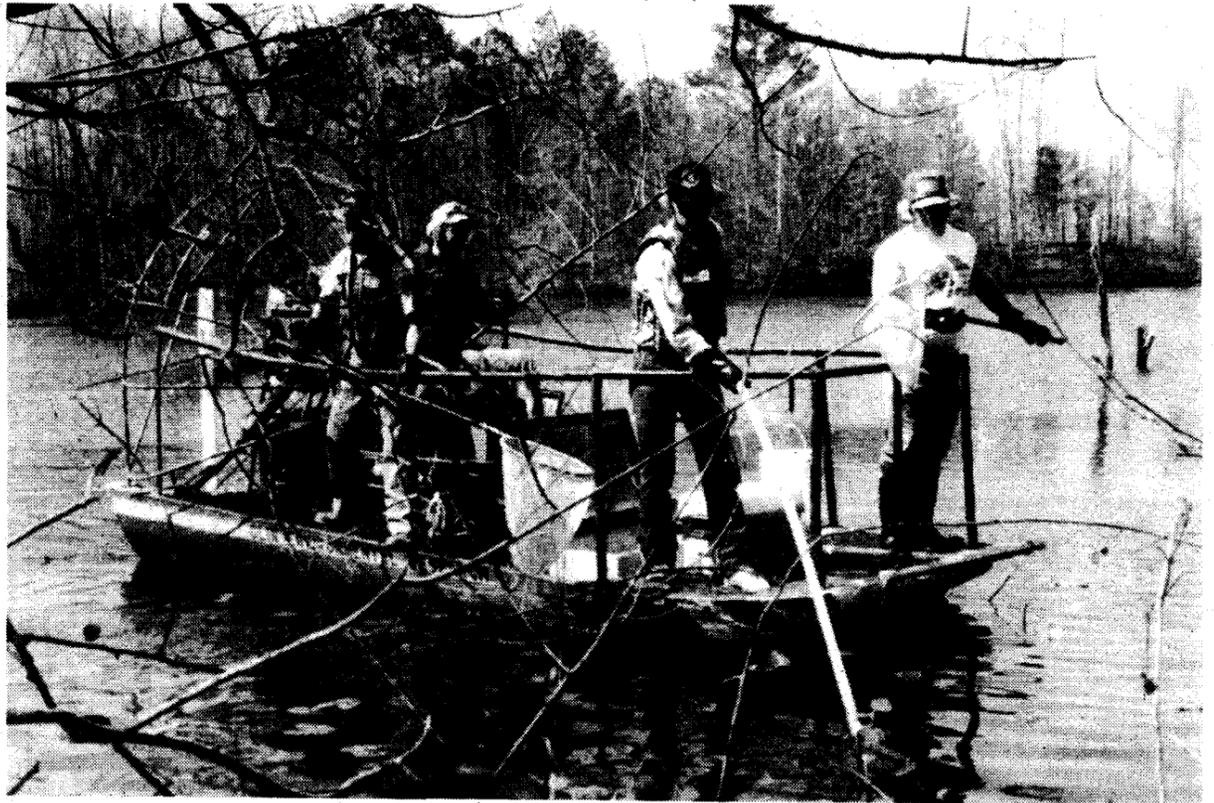
Along with the bass, several other species of fish were stunned but not collected during the all-day operation, giving the collection team a good idea of the overall condition of the pond.

"The pond is in pretty good shape," Horton said, adding that the catch laid to rest the stories circulating among Redstone anglers that the pond was filled with big fish.

Natural Resource Specialist Phillip Blake said the result really was about normal for the pond, a backwater slough which hasn't been fished in several years. The pond is in a secure area where fishing is not allowed.

"There were a lot of rough fish and some game fish," he said. The catch included gar, carp, buffalo, bowfin, crappie, bream, catfish and a turtle.

Each bass was marked with a yellow plastic tag in the corner of its mouth before it was released. Fishermen who catch these fish should drop by the Outdoor Recreation Center to have them weighed before they take them home. Anyone who finds a dead fish with a yellow tag should also take it to Outdoor Recreation, Blake said.



SHOCKING — Team members collect fish from an Olin airboat.

"We want to see if the fish we transferred are going to wind up in the fisherman's creel," he said.

Horton explained that the main reason for moving the fish was so they could be utilized. "We don't need them for restocking purposes. Our other ponds are in pretty good shape," he said.

Workers and volunteers from Outdoor Recreation

had water ready to accommodate the fish until they could be moved to their new pond. Shelby Williams, director, was optimistic about the difference additional fish would make in the fishing at the Igloo Pond.

"We want everyone to come by and get a permit before they fish," she said.



TAGGING — Phillip Blake tags a fish as Steve Anderson of Olin holds the net. Jesse Horton looks on.



SHOWING OFF — Shelby Williams and Billy Hughes admire the biggest catch of the day — a six-pound largemouth bass.

New IG always remembers his early time in military

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A clock on the wall in the office of the new inspector general tells just about everything one would need to know about his military career and his family.

Well, maybe not everything. But by using rank insignia in place of numbers, the walnut clock Lt. Col. John Michael Weaver made himself does trace his military career.

At the top, in the 12 position, enlisted armor brass signifies when he joined the Kentucky National Guard as a high school student. An anchor in the one position represents three years in the Navy after high school. The Army PFC stripe at 2:00 also reminds Weaver of when his first daughter was born. Ranks that follow include Sp4, Sp5, staff sergeant, officer armor brass, second lieutenant (when his second daughter was born), first lieutenant, captain (when his third daughter was born), major, and lieutenant colonel.

"And since I'm a lieutenant colonel 'promotable' I'll have to find some way of putting an eagle on there," Weaver says. He expects that when his promotion comes through, probably sometime next year, he will make room for his new rank by removing the officer brass insignia.

The clock reminds the new MICOM inspector general of where he has been for more than 30 years—from his early enlisted ranks to now.

"To get a commission by going through those ranks I think you have more compassion and understanding for the enlisted side of the house. And when a Sp4 comes in here and talks to me about a problem, I can remember the time when I was a Sp4 and may have had a problem similar to that," Weaver says.

As inspector general Weaver's job is to keep the commander informed; to receive complaints and render assistance to anyone in the command, military or civilian; to conduct special IG investigations by direction of the commander; and to conduct inspections in any sub-element of MICOM to determine if there is a problem.

"In all the four areas I intend to devote my energy and all of the talent that I find in this office toward making MICOM a better place to live and work," he says. Besides himself and Maj. Harley Harben, his deputy, the office includes a sergeant first class and nine civilians. The office members are investigators-inspectors and administrative workers.

Weaver, 48, is from Elizabethtown, Ky. He has three brothers and four sisters. His father, Eugene, is a retired farmer living in Owensboro, Ky. After having five different home ports in three years with the Navy, Weaver decided he wanted the stability the Army offers and signed up in 1961. He then spent 13 months in Korea. "That shoots the stability factor, doesn't it?" he asks, laughing. Subsequent tours included Vietnam (1966-67 and 1969-70). Before coming to Redstone, Weaver served as deputy brigade commander of special troops, 8th U.S. Army at Yongsan, Korea.

He received a bachelor's degree in history from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1972 and a master's in history from the University of Missouri in 1975.

His family will be joining him from Kentucky as soon as the school year ends this summer. Weaver's wife Lois teaches at North Hardin High School at Radcliff, Ky.; daughters Tess, 17, and Misty, 14, both attend that school; daughter Cyndi, 21, is a senior pre-law student at the University of Kentucky; and daughter Beckey, 25, is a grade school teacher married to Air Force Capt. Sid Clarke at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Weaver's hobbies include working on his old truck, jogging, playing racquetball, and doing minor wood work.

"To devote my energies and the assets of this office to assist the MICOM commanding general in ac-

complishing his mission" is Weaver's goal as inspector general.

Judging from the clock on his wall, he'll find the time for problems of all ranks.



HONORED— Wayne Sims shows the award he received last week for his work as 1987 chairperson of the local federal coordinating committee for the Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC campaign collected \$818,407.36 to exceed its \$775,000 goal. Sims, chief of the technical information division at RD&E center, received a Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service from Maj. Gen. Thomas Reese.



WEAVER

Post volleyball team wins tournament here

The post volleyball team successfully defended itself against an invasion last weekend from air and ground forces.

Redstone's team, known as Hui-O-Hapa, beat squads from Maxwell Air Force Base and Fort Campbell, Ky., in winning the Redstone Arsenal first Volleyball Invitational.

In pool play, the post team whipped Maxwell's Air University team twice and Campbell's Vector Force squad twice. Vector Force edged Air University by one point in the semifinals for the right to meet the post team.

The salvos from Hui-O-Hapa proved superior to the Vector Force assault as the post team blanked Campbell 6-0 in the finals. Members of the post volleyball team include Thomas Frush, Les Kahalekai, Ernesto Kurotobi, Felix Milar, Jerry Miller, Jaber Obaid, Dennis Schlegel, Kenneth Smith, Jeff Young, Hanalei Zamora, and manager Greg Milar.

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It all began July 8, 1986, when President Reagan signed legislation moving the start of daylight saving time to the first Sunday in April, according to "The World Almanac and Book of Facts, 1987."

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The second annual block party is scheduled for 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the youth sports fields on Goss and Skinner Roads. "The rain plan is (to have it) at Bicentennial Chapel, so we're going to have it rain or shine," said Shirley Mohler, chairman for the month-long observance and the block party.

"Approximately 2500 participated in last year's block party," she said. Food, soft drinks and entertainment will be available for free to military family members and their guests at the carnival activities.

Activities and attractions are to include face painting, clowns, Show Biz Billy Bob, McGruff, golf cart rides, pony rides, jail house, McDonald's goodies, bean bag toss, homerun derby, soccer obstacle course, sack races, basketball shooting contest, ring toss, fishing booth, K-9 demonstration, Neat Pete and Pluggie, and a rappin' contest.

Besides the block party, a full schedule of events is planned for the Month of the Military Child.

A "pre kickoff" is set for 12:30 p.m. this Friday when children from the family child care program will parade at Madison Square Mall. For this occasion, they'll be making signs and posters proclaiming that military kids are special. The children are to meet "Bigelo Bear" at the shopping center and do exercises with him.

The Recreation Center will have a free magic show at 2 p.m. Sunday. A puppet show, "Aladdin and his magic lamp," is set for the center at 2 p.m. April 11.

Week of the Young Child, April 6-10, will include a balloon launch and Child Development Center Olympics. Child Abuse Prevention Week is set for April 13-17.

Sponsors for the month's events include the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, Saddle Club, Officers Wives Club, NCO Wives Club, Community Counseling Center, Officer Friendly Program, Child Development Services, Youth Activities, American Red Cross, and military units. For more information, call 876-9298.

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"This drive wants not only to get new members but it also wants to identify those people who are current members," said Capt. Bill Nichols, who is helping to coordinate the individual membership drive. Current members should identify themselves to their organization coordinator; current memberships can be applied toward this year's goals.

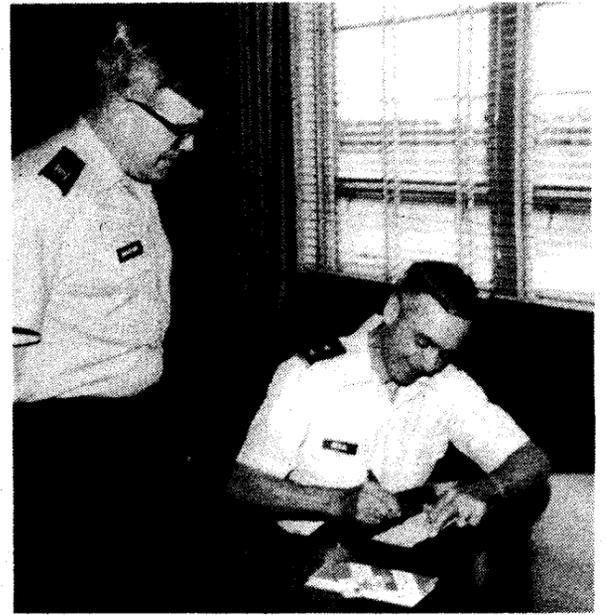
Individual membership goal for the Huntsville area is 2,800.

The operating budget of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA is supported by individual and corporate membership dues. Efforts that are supported annually by membership dues include awarding savings bonds to honored soldiers and to outstanding ROTC cadets in local schools. Family members of those active in AUSA can compete for an annual \$1,000 scholarship award.

Members of AUSA receive the association's monthly publication, *The Army Magazine*, and the monthly newspaper, *The AUSA News*. Both publications carry articles on aspects of national defense and on matters affecting the Army. Members are also eligible for reduced rates on group life insurance and a supplemental health insurance program.

AUSA is considered the "respected Voice of the Army— it is the Army's Professional Association," according to its literature.

Col. George Patch, deputy director of the Procurement Directorate, is chairman of the 1987 membership drive. Anyone interested in joining can call Nichols 876-9532 or Capt. Roy Johnson 876-8391.



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Raytheon Company, Equipment Division, Wayland, Mass., was selected for the 51-month effort, which will involve building the TIR and validating its constituent technologies. The value of the contract is \$174,191,637. This phase of the project follows an 18-month competition in which Raytheon and another firm, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, developed design proposals for the specialized ground-based radar. Contracts for the design work were awarded to the two companies through a competitive procurement in mid-1985.

During the technology validation experiments, the TIR will be capable of independently searching for targets or receiving information about them from an airborne optical sensor. The phased-array radar would then acquire the targets, track them, and discriminate

between reentry vehicles and the many other objects reentering the atmosphere.

The TIR effort is a major Army contribution to the SDI, the research effort begun by President Reagan in 1983 with the ultimate goal of eliminating the threat posed by nuclear ballistic missiles. The TIR project will seek to resolve critical technology issues associated with a ground-based radar as part of a conceptual terminal-phase defense.

The TIR will be developed and its technologies validated in compliance with all U.S. treaty obligations, including the 1972 ABM Treaty.

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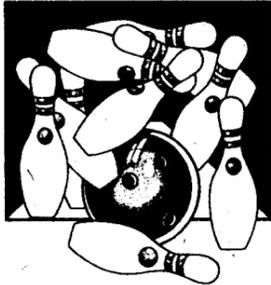
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A 9-pin, no tap bowling tournament will be held April 14 and 16 at 5 and 7:15 p.m. at the Redstone lanes. Excluding shoe rental, cost is \$5 per entry. The tournament is open to active duty, family members and retirees.

Chapel events

Military Council of Catholic Women will meet at 9 a.m. April 3 at Bicentennial Chapel. Protestant Youth of the Chapel will meet at noon April 4 at Bicentennial Chapel to help with the block party that afternoon. The PYOC meets each Saturday. Catholic Youth of the Chapel meets each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. The Ecumenical Lenten Series continues with the fifth session of classes on April 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsors a number of weekly activities: its exercise class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel; the aerobics class meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at Bicentennial Chapel; the Bible Study group meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Bicentennial Chapel. All are welcome. An Officers Christian Fellowship/Christian Military Fellowship meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in individual homes for information on locations, call Aaron Zook 837-1744. A Catholic Korean Bible Study meets at 7 p.m. Fridays at Bicentennial Chapel.

Choir concert

The Boys Choir of Harlem will perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall. Tickets are on sale at the civic center box office, and also are available from members of the local Epsilon Gamma Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which is sponsoring the program. Tickets cost \$15 for reserved seats; general admission is \$12.50 for adults and \$10 each for students, senior citizens and groups of 10 or more. For more information call Dr. Sandra McGuire 852-4454, 859-7328/7329.

Engineers group

Amelia Porter and Steve deShazo are to address the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for lunch Thursday, April 9 at the Officers Club. Porter is associate and deShazo vice president of First Financial Group of the South Inc. Their topic will be "Investment and Financial Planning Strategies after the Tax Reform Act of 1986." Social is set for 11:15 a.m. with lunch at 11:30 and the program at noon. Cost for lunch is \$4.50. For reservations call Willy Albanes 883-1169.

Top graduates

The following soldiers received honor or distinguished graduate awards for OMMCS courses which graduated during the week of March 16-20. PFC James C. Bland, distinguished, Pvt. James R. Howard, honor, Pershing Electronic Repairer; Cpl. Eloy O. Oakley, distinguished, Cpl. Steven W. Morgan, honor, Technical Escort; Pvt. Scott A. Milner, honor, Sp4 Kevin A. Oliver, distinguished, Tow/Dragon Repairer; WOC Michael C. Storm, distinguished, WO 1 Gerald D. Cross, honor, Nuclear Weapons Technician Certification; Pvt. Kurt J. Johnson, distinguished, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist; PFC Carol A. Maisch, distinguished, PFC Cynthia A. Lacrosse, honor, Ammunition Stock Control and Accounting Specialist; SSgt. Mack Bond Jr., distinguished, Sgt. William D. Bryant, honor, Ammunition Specialist.

Butler High boosters

The newly formed academic booster club at Butler High School will meet Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in the school library. All parents who wish to encourage and support academic achievement are invited to attend. For more information, call Rosemary Finley 830-2250.

Multi-crafts

Here's the April schedule for the Multi-Crafts Shop in building 3615. Today, tin punch welcome sign at 6:30 p.m.; April 2, quilting open workshop at 6:30 p.m.; April 3, decorative painting class at 1 p.m.; April 4, Easter bunny basket workshop at 10 a.m., Easter ribbon weaving basket workshop at 1 p.m.; April 7, basic ceramic course, first of seven sessions at 6 p.m., canvas painting classes at 6:30, registration required; April 8, potpourri fabric trivet workshop at 6:30 p.m.; April 9, ceramic egg centerpiece Easter project at 6 p.m.; April 11, Easter sugar eggs, all day project—bring lunch, spring corn husk wreath at 1 p.m. April 14, ceramic air brush workshop at 6:30 p.m.; April 15, decorative tin lampshade at 6:30 p.m., country fabric goose wreath at 6:30 p.m. For more information call the shop at 876-7951.



Learning center

Army Learning Center offers the following videotaped courses: "A Good Start," a one-hour videotape that gives supervisors a formula to follow when hiring new personnel; and "Appraising and Troubleshooting Employee Behavior," a two-hour videotape course. 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.

Academy PTA

The PTA of the Academy Academics and Arts School will hold a special meeting April 9 at 7 p.m. Paule Ebrahimi and Sherry Humphreys, learning disability teachers, will speak on how to work with learning disabled children.

Alabama Sports Festival

Huntsville will host the north regional competition for the fifth annual Alabama Sports Festival May 9 and 10. Competition will be held for basketball, youth soccer, swimming, track and field, volleyball, racquetball and tennis. Entry forms are available at the UAH athletic department, area schools and recreation centers. For more information call 895-6144.

Post exchange jobs

The PX is accepting applications for intermittent employment for the following positions: sales clerks, cashier checkers, and food service workers. Working hours range from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Interested applicants may apply at the PX Personnel Office, building 3220, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 883-6100.



Car wash

The Westlawn Middle School band washes cars in the school parking lot every Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cost is \$2 for cars, \$3 for pickups and \$5 for vans.

Pre-separation orientation

The next pre-separation orientation (not retiree orientation) for military personnel with ETS or release from active duty dates through July 31, 1987 will be conducted from 8 until 11:30 a.m. April 6 in building 3495 (Toftoy Hall), room 119. Representatives from Veterans Affairs, Employment Services, Military Pay Division and other agencies will be available to answer questions. Spouses are encouraged to attend. It is mandatory for specified soldiers to attend.

Comptrollers group

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will meet at the Officers Club April 9 at 11:30 a.m. Cost for the meal is \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Scheduled speaker is Col. Robert L. Stewart, special assistant to deputy commander, U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command. For reservations call Jean Evans 876-4450.

Huntsville L5 Society

The Huntsville, Alabama L5 Society will present a free public lecture by Georg Von Tiesenhausen at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center Auditorium Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Von Tiesenhausen recently retired from the Advanced Systems Office at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. For more information call Ernest Gilmer 882-3241.

Women's support group

A women's support group focusing on issues of domestic violence meets each Monday at 7 p.m. at the Girls Club, 1116 Meridian St. Child care is available.

Exchange students

Local families are wanted to host foreign exchange students for the upcoming school year. Students will arrive in August and leave at the end of the school year. For more information call Jean Simon, local representative for the American Scandinavian Student Exchange, 881-3873.

Family practice clinic

All patients presently enrolled in the Family Practice Clinic who have an assigned family physician are reminded to update their files. Personnel assigned must register with the FPC to remain in the system. Those not registering by April 1 will be automatically dropped from the FPC rolls. Personnel who retired after March 15 were automatically dropped from the rolls. For more information call Capt. Anderson 876-4220.

Financial management seminar

The 12th annual Association of Government Accountants Financial Management Seminar will be held April 21 and 22 at the Von Braun Civic Center. The topic is "Attitude—The Key to Professional Success." Speakers include Dr. Sidney Sandridge of Jefferson Federal Savings and Loan Association, H. Lee Hetherington of U.S. Council Associates, and Dr. Douglas Covington, president of Alabama A&M University. For training credit, submit a DD Form 1556 to the Civilian Personnel Office by April 6. For more information call Mose Hall 876-4233.

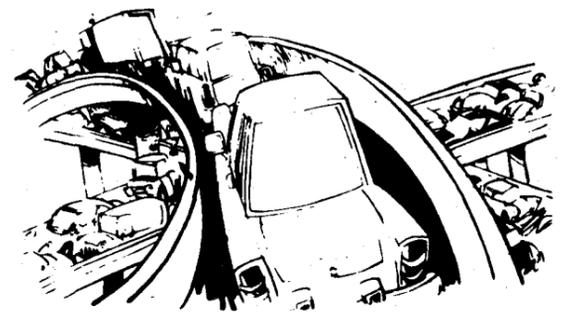
Ordnance ball

The Redstone Ordnance Ball, in honor of the 175th anniversary of the Ordnance Corps, will be held May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Officers Club. All officers, regardless of branch, are invited. Scheduled guest speaker is Dr. Mary Cleave, Space Shuttle astronaut. For more information contact Lt. Col. Adams, Invitation Committee chairman, at AMCPM-PA/JIM-AS, 895-3460.

ACS flea market

Army Community Service will have a flea market April 4 at the First Alabama Bank parking lot on post. For more information, call ACS 876-2859.

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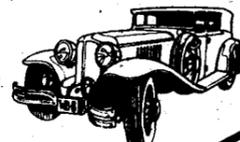
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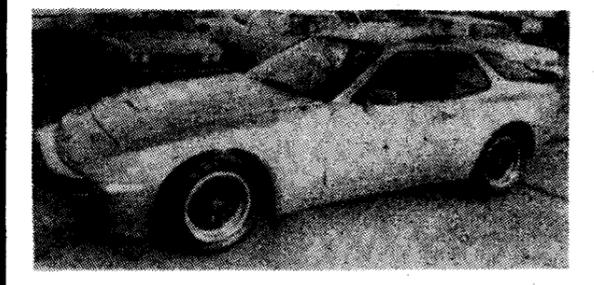
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