



## Flag Day: a time for nation to 'pause for the pledge'

American Forces Information Service

At 7 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Sunday, June 14, Americans around the world will pause to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Some will take time out from activities with families and friends. Many in the military, well aware that national defense is not a 9-to-5 job, will take a short break from their duties.

Together, they will honor America's 51st Flag Day celebration.

The "pause for the pledge" concept was born in 1980. Five years later, President Ronald Reagan declared it an official part of Flag Day ceremonies. Members of the National Flag Day Committee are working to make the pause an integral part of every American's Flag Day activities.

This year, as America celebrates the bicentennial of its Constitution, the pause for the pledge will take on a special significance.

The pause will be led from Fort McHenry, focus of the Baltimore defense during the War of 1812.

Named for James McHenry, secretary of war under Presidents George Washington and John Adams and a soldier-statesman signer of the U.S. Constitution, Fort McHenry symbolizes the American principles of liberty and freedom.

It was in the shadow of Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore that Francis Scott Key, an American Patriot, was inspired to write "The Star Spangled Banner." From a British ship in Baltimore Harbor, Key anxiously watched Fort McHenry for some proof, some sign that liberty would prevail. At the end of the 25-hour bombardment, his proof came in the form of the American flag.

"You can imagine his joy the next morning, in the dawn's early light," said President Ronald Reagan. "He looked out and saw the banner still flying, a little tattered and torn, but still flying proudly above the ramparts. Fort McHenry and the brave men manning it had withstood the assaults. Baltimore was saved.

"The United States, this great experiment in human freedom, as George Washington described it, would endure."

Through hard times and setbacks, the dreams of liberty have endured. They drove Washington's troops through the harsh winter of Valley Forge, inspired the drafters of a constitution that has endured 200 years and led Key to write the national anthem.

## MICOM Commander's message

To the Redstone Arsenal community:

In this the Bicentennial year of our Constitution, the U.S. Army's birthday on June 14 holds special significance for all of us.

No other national constitution has lasted nearly so long as ours. There are 160 countries that have them but all but a few have been written since World War II.

Our Army was established in 1775, making it 12 years older than our Constitution and a year older than our nation itself. Independence was declared in 1776 and final victory was sealed by the Army at Yorktown in 1785.

The Revolution won, our young country assembled some of its best and brightest to draft a Constitution. The Army was well represented. Twenty-three of the 40 patriots who drew up and signed the Constitution had been soldiers during the Revolution. Still fresh in

Lou Koerber, president of the National Flag Day Foundation, said the flag is a visible symbol of these dreams for all the world to see.

Those dreams will be verbalized throughout America and on military outposts around the world during the June 14 pause for the pledge.

"The pause is a stimulating, patriotic experience that transcends age, race, religion, national origin and geographic differences," Koerber said.

"It offers an opportunity for all Americans to display their love for the flag, the American Constitution and the dreams that have become the United States—one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

their minds was the memory of a long, hard-fought war for independence and the right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. They chose to vest in Congress — the branch which represents the people — the power to raise an Army and Navy, to declare war and to levy taxes.

The words that they penned nearly two centuries ago say something special then and now. It's right there in the Preamble, where it talks about providing "for the common defense" . . . and securing "the blessings of liberty" not only for ourselves, but also our posterity. Yes, we owe our posterity no less than our forbears have given us. Let us resolve on our Army's 212th birthday that this shall be our legacy.

**THOMAS D. REESE**  
Major General, USA  
Commanding



## Like an ashtray

Editor:

I am a former smoker who is highly allergic to tobacco smoke. The cafeteria, our branch office and other areas that I am required to go into are all designated smoking areas. Even the office where we sometimes have our branch meeting is designated as a smoking area.

In addition to that, it is not uncommon to go into the cafeteria and find people smoking in the clearly marked nonsmoker areas. As most nonsmokers can attest that will ruin your appetite, and if you ask smokers to move, the fuss that follows will ruin your day.

The hallways, restrooms and other areas that are common use areas have not been designated as smoking areas and are regularly used by smokers.

The air we all breathe is circulated throughout the building and the smoke is mixed with the air. The air conditioning in most of the buildings are closed systems so there is no new or fresh air. Most of the buildings here smell like an ashtray when you first walk into the building. I don't want to wait several years and find I have cancer caused by the smoke we are forced to share. If these people were blowing AIDS into the air, would they still be allowed to contaminate the air?

Name withheld by request

## Best soldiers

Editor:

At the present time I would like to thank two of the best soldiers I have had the privilege to encounter and work with during my brief time in the Army.

Thank you, Master Sgt. Bennett, for your fatherly guidance and your shining leadership. You helped me when I needed it and never let me down. I could talk to you and you would listen to what I had to say.

Thanks, SFC Patrick, for giving me an example to follow. You had high standards, but they were never unreachable. You gave me the incentive to be the soldier that I was capable of being.

Thanks to you both for molding my character, giving me confidence and making me be all I could be.

I know I have only scratched the surface when it comes to the Army experience, but in this brief three years, I know these two soldiers are what the Army is all about.

Sp4 Katherine M. Skoudas  
95th Maintenance Co. (TMDE)  
Operations Administrative Specialist

## Reserved parking

Editor:

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center, a tenant unit at Redstone in building 4505, is apparently in violation of the MICOM Supplement 1 to AR 210-4.

MSIC has approximately 360 parking spaces. The regulation states that management-reserved parking spaces will not exceed 10 percent of the total available. However, well over 50 have been reserved for branch and division chiefs, and GS-14s. To complicate matters, a MICOM unit is due to take over two trailers which will further deplete the available parking by 30 to 40 additional spaces.

Everyone is aware that "rank has its privileges," but the work has to be accomplished by the rank and file, people who look with envy at the many empty reserved spaces, held for "managers" who spend days TDY.

At least, they are empty until the personal secretaries take them over. Then, during our many conferences, large blocks of the remaining spaces are roped off for attendees. Is it any wonder that people are wondering if it's worthwhile coming to work at all, or why people are moving to contractors? And what about the "chiefs" who also carpool?

Name withheld by request

## Right to smoke

Editor:

I am sick and tired of hearing Nonsmokers b. and complain about their rights. Smokers have the right to smoke and I intend to do it as often as I want. Smoke never hurt anybody. I have smoked for years and I'm still OK.

If the nonsmokers don't want to be around smokers, let them be the ones to get up and find a nonsmoking area down the hall. Why should I have to go to a designated smoking area to smoke?

Every time you turn around they are infringing on our rights to smoke. Why they even make us sit in the rear of the bus or airplane and we pay the same fare as the nonsmokers. Let them sit in the rear, I say.

## Constitution ensures religious freedom

Most of those at the Constitutional Convention were aware that America's earliest beginnings could be traced to a people seeking religious freedom.

More than one person came to America to escape religious oppression in Europe, and more than one person moved from one colony to another for the same reason. No less a person than Benjamin Franklin desired each session of the Convention begin with a spoken prayer. The idea was voted down, however, for three reasons: the delegates feared an opening prayer might give the impression of dissension within the Convention; they didn't want to offend the Quakers—who believed in silent, personal prayer; and they lacked funds to pay guest preachers.

An even bigger debate arose over the proposal to require religious qualifications for all public office holders. This may seem ludicrous today, but it was the rule rather than the exception back in 1787.

At the time of the writing of the Constitution, only two states—New York and Virginia—did not have

Why they are treating us like we are sick or something. We don't have AIDS and I wish they would stop treating us like we did. There is nothing wrong with us.

At least they treat us right downtown. They put the smokers in a small area so we don't have to look for a special smoking area or listen to the nonsmokers complain.

A lot of the current expert medical opinions that we now hear remind me of a duck I once had. Here QUACK, there QUACK, everywhere QUACK QUACK.

Sign me "Smoking by choice and loving it!!!"

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## Sign your letter

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## Correction

The letter printed in last week's *Rocket* from Don Carver, president of the Civilian Welfare Softball League, omitted the following lines about the two phases of the league's season:

"Phase one has each team playing the other teams once. The results from phase one are used to divide the league into two competitive divisions. Phase two has each team playing the other teams within their division once. Trophies are awarded to the respective champions of each division."

On an unrelated item in last week's paper, the MICOM Wives were the ones who entertained Judy Wagner, wife of AMC Commander Gen. Louis Wagner at a fifties party. A caption incorrectly attributed the event to the Officers Wives Club.

religious qualifications for state office holders. In New Jersey, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Georgia, a person had to be a Protestant to run for public office. Maryland and Massachusetts stipulated a person had to be of the "Christian religion" to run. Pennsylvania demanded that a person have a "belief in God and the inspiration of the Scriptures," while Delaware mandated that only "Protestants who accepted the Holy Trinity" could serve in the legislature.

Despite these sentiments, an anti-religious requirement resolution by Charles Pinckney—a Convention delegate from South Carolina—was adopted by the Convention. There were fears, however, among the delegates that such a resolution would not be accepted by the state legislatures when it came time to ratify the new Constitution. These arguments were overcome, and eventually the Bill of Rights, guaranteeing religious freedom to all, was added to the Constitution in 1791.

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# Alcoholics affect more than just themselves

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Alcoholism is a big problem that will probably never go away.

Those who abuse alcohol affect not only their own lives but the lives of their family members and people they know and work with.

"I truly believe that alcohol abuse and alcoholism are probably the most serious social kinds of problems we have, because it affects so many people besides just the individual using the alcohol," said Jane Seltzer, chief of the Community Counseling Center. She lists the "phenomenal" costs from lost productivity, treatment and rehabilitation plus the emotional scars left on families and individuals.

"It just seems to kind of permeate our society," Seltzer said. "It's very hard to meet somebody that hasn't somehow been affected by alcohol or alcoholism."

## Counseling

The Community Counseling Center, under Personnel Training & Force Development, provides outpatient counseling for Army people—civilians as well as military—who have an alcohol abuse problem.

"The Army offers an outpatient counseling program, free of charge, during the workday once a week," said Anthony Capowski, civilian program coordinator at the counseling center. "And employees are entitled to administrative time to attend that program. We accept self-referrals, and we accept referrals from supervisors."

People are normally enrolled in the counseling program for up to a year, and they can re-enroll for more time. The program is voluntary and confidential. If referred by a supervisor in the face of adverse action, the worker is protected from that action for up to 90 days while he or she participates in the program. "Additional adverse action must be based on performance after period of treatment," Capowski said.

Most of the about 70 participants are military. This may be partly because soldiers identified as alcohol abusers are required to attend.

"Very few of the military people are volunteers, and all of the civilian people in the program are voluntary clients," Capowski said.

"It's very, very difficult for people with the disease of alcoholism to recognize for themselves that they have a problem," he said. "And unless the problem is brought to their attention by the legal system, their families, their doctor or their employer they're very unlikely to do anything about it."

## Dependency

Alcoholism is a combination of a physical dependency on alcohol plus behavior that disrupts various aspects of that person's life—his or her vocational, social and mental functioning. Over the years the definition of alcoholism has been expanded to include more than the person who drinks everyday. People who drink periodically can be alcoholics because "when they're drinking, they're drinking out of control," Seltzer said. Unpredictable, uncontrollable drinking is one of the indicators.

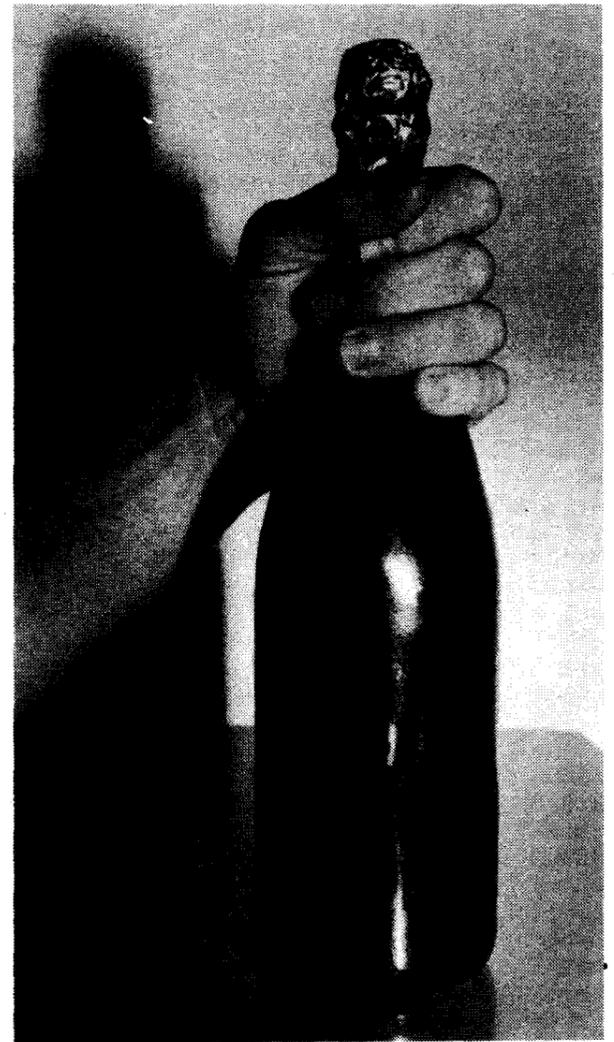
Besides the emotional and social scars, alcohol addiction alters body functions. Seltzer said it affects the way the liver functions, the digestive system, blood pressure, general nutrition, and the central nervous system. Other physical effects include an increased tolerance for alcohol and withdrawal symptoms—trembling, cold sweats, and so on—when alcohol is not available.

## No cure

"There's no cure for alcohol addiction," Capowski said. "Alcoholism can be controlled by abstinence. The only effective method of controlling that illness is not drinking."

Some 40 meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous groups are held each week in the Huntsville area. On Redstone Arsenal, a closed group for only alcoholics meets at noon Wednesdays at Bicentennial Chapel. An open discussion meeting for anyone interested in AA is held Fridays at 5:15 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. The community counseling center can be reached at 876-3082/5705/2990 for more information.

"One of the slogans we (in the counseling center) have around here is: 'If alcohol causes problems, then alcohol is a problem,'" Capowski said.



## Minority makeup now "defendable"

An intensive EEO monitoring requirement that MICOM has employed for a dozen years has been lifted for 13 organizations representing 41 percent of the work force.

Having met minority employment goals, the 13 are now free of the monitoring requirement's substantial administrative burden. At the same time, said Equal Employment Opportunity Officer Charles L. Ray Jr., the EEO staff can now shift its attention away from these organizations and concentrate on others that have not met the goal. Of these latter (29 total), most are improving their numbers and are not far off the goal, he said.

Blacks make up about 13 percent of the local population, but 12 percent of the MICOM work force, Ray pointed out, "so we're about one percentage point off the goal. If the command picks up about 80 blacks we would meet the goal."

Meanwhile, because of progress that has been made the command will be able to work toward that last one percent using management-by-exception rather than the across-the-board approach of the past 12 years, the EEO officer said.

He said too that for the first time the minority composition of the civilian work force could hold up to a legal challenge. "The command has really reached a defendable position in the courts and administrative system.

"We have progressed to a point that we can defend our position, and we also have a more representative work force," Ray asserted.

The 13 organizations that have met the goal also are no longer required to maintain a negotiated 12-point plan with the EEO and Civilian Personnel Offices stating how they will recruit, recognize and train minorities.

The organizations are: Secretary of the General Staff; Missile Logistics Center; Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office; Procurement Directorate; Special Program Office; Information Management Directorate; Civilian Personnel Office; Safety Office; Personnel Training and Force Development Directorate; Public Affairs Office; Competition Management Office; Chaparral/FAAR Project Office and Air Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office.

## CFC applications due by July 6

Local agencies can apply through July 6 for allocations from the annual Combined Federal Campaign.

The 1988 CFC program fund, local federal coordinating committee, will accept applications. Agencies eligible to apply for allocations include those that provide local nationally-federated and non-affiliated services to individuals and families in the Huntsville area.

This area includes the following north Alabama counties: Madison, Colbert, Morgan, Cullman, Jackson, Lauderdale, Limestone, and Marshall, as well as Lincoln County, Tenn.

Applications will be evaluated based on current regulations published by the Office of Personnel Management. Applicants should first obtain the new "Local Presence Application" form from the Missile Command, Attn: Eric Thomas, 1988 CFC Coordinating Committee Chairman, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. 35898-5000. To be eligible for consideration, completed applications must be returned to that address, postmarked no later than July 6. Late applications will not be accepted, according to Thomas.

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# Aluminum siding installation nearing completion

BY PAM ROGERS

Work on a \$15 million energy conservation project involving 137 arsenal structures is nearing completion, and is becoming more visible as construction begins on larger buildings.

The project, named Building Energy Reduction Management Strategy, involves installing insulation and aluminum siding to the exteriors of buildings and reducing windows by 60 percent. The project began in 1983.

Work has begun on several of the larger Missile Command buildings, and is scheduled to begin July 1 at building 5250. Construction is estimated to be complete by the spring of 1988.

Officials in the Facilities Engineering Division of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity are working with affected organizations to ensure that work goes as smoothly as possible.

Jimmy Grisham, an engineer in the Quality Assurance Branch, explained a few points about the construction.

"The siding jobs are all similar but different. The type of work done inside the building can pose different problems. We try to work with the using service to keep equipment protected," he said.

The operation produces a significant amount of dust and noise, which can be irritating to workers who already are upset because they're losing some of their windows, according to Grisham.

Large windows in place now will be replaced with smaller, energy-efficient windows. There will be two of the new windows for approximately every five existing windows.



READY FOR SIDING—Workers apply insulation to the exterior of building 4484.

In building 5250, the windows will range in size from three feet by four feet, eight inches to four feet, six inches by three feet, two inches.

The contractors also will finish the inside walls and

install new venetian blinds in the windows, Grisham said.

Organizations need to plan for working around the (See Siding cont'd on Page 7)

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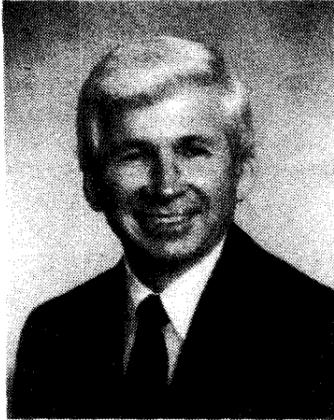
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# Daily maintenance checks can prevent car problems

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Remember the old television commercial about how awful it is to have a summer cold? The same goes for summer car problems.

People can take steps to prevent the inconvenience of car problems during the time when they're more apt to drive to vacation spots.

First thing in the morning, before entering the car and turning the key, "walk around the vehicle and make external checks," advises Lee Henry, manager of operations and maintenance at the motor pool. This includes checking for tire pressure, dents, and safety items such as turn signals and lights.

"And then raise the hood," Henry says. "Make a visual check under that hood; look at belts, hoses, look for leaks and seepage." Usually, if the car has been parked for a while, signs of a leak can be seen under the vehicle.

Henry advises checking the oil at least once a day. "Once a day is probably sufficient unless you find something wrong like leakage, seepage," he says.

Check the battery, the cables and look for corrosion, Henry advises. When finished under the hood, check the safety devices such as rearview mirrors and make any required adjustments.

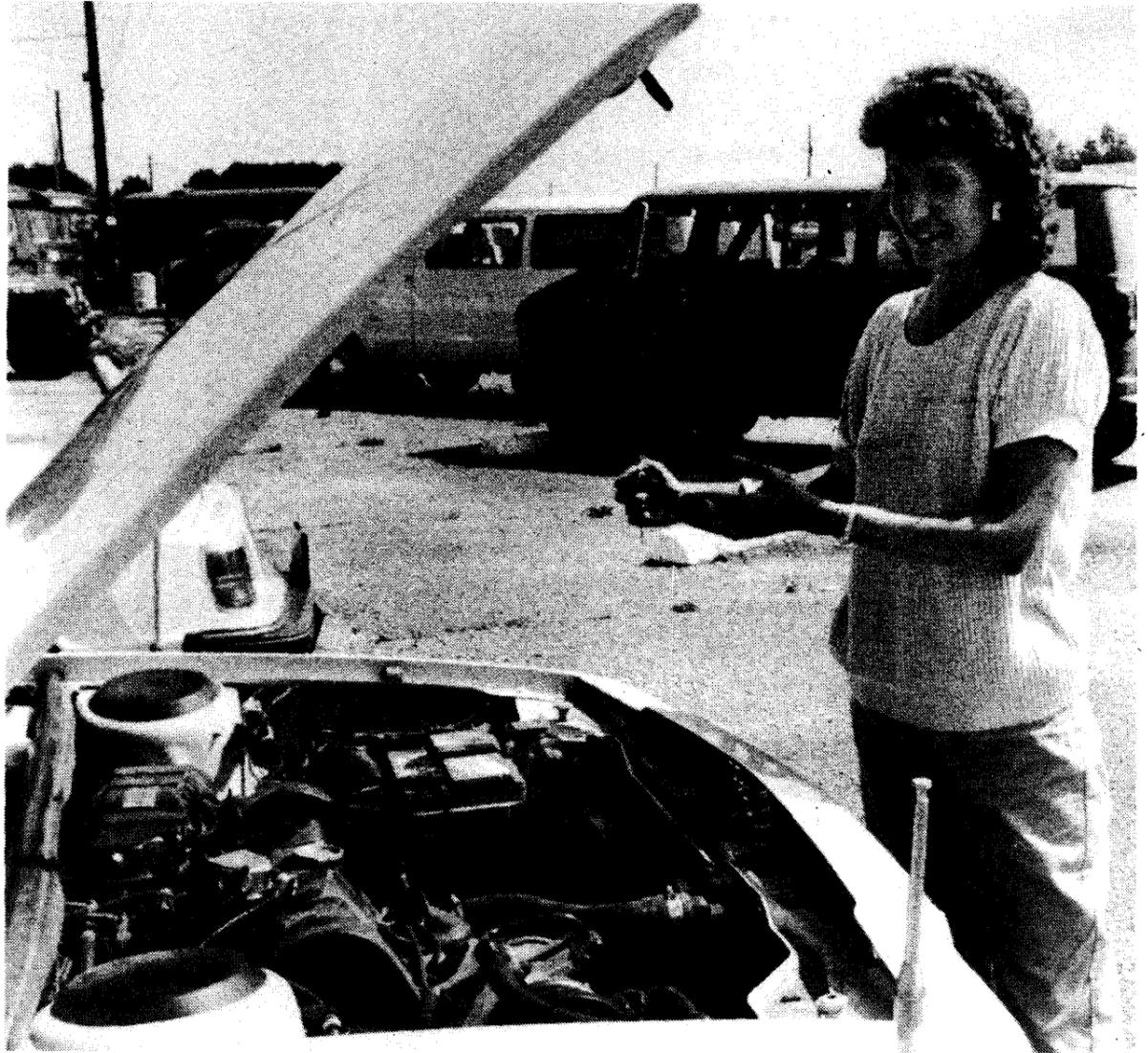
Drivers should check the instrument switches—oil gauge, turn signals and windshield wipers—once they turn on the ignition.

"During operation, listen for any unusual noises," Henry says. "Unusual noises can be anything from the radiator fan, transmission, brakes and brake shoes or disks, exhaust damage. Unusual rattles or shakes or vibrations are indicators that there's some fault with the vehicle."

Poor performance probably means a tuneup is needed. With the complexity of today's vehicles, Henry recommends that tuneups be done by professional mechanics.

Grady Venable, chief of maintenance at the motor pool, advises keeping antifreeze year-round. This coolant prevents corrosion in the radiator. Venable

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DRIVER— Donna Clark, a protocol driver, checks the oil of a government vehicle.

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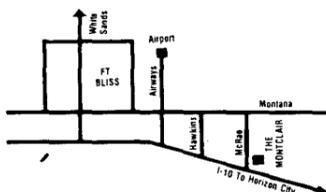
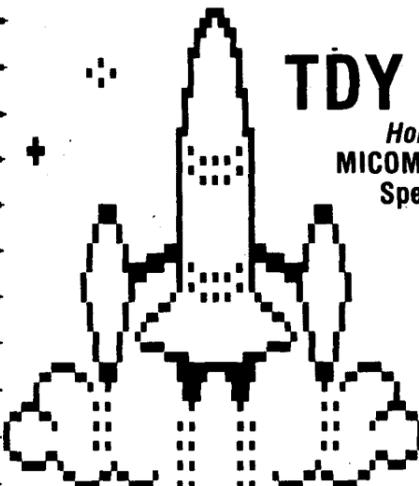
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**TOUR—** An instructor of soldering at OMMCS, Gerald Andress (at far left in glasses and mustache) shows an electrical circuit to some prominent Korean executives. The Koreans are getting a firsthand look at U.S. military posture

by visiting Army, Navy and Air Force installations and defense industry facilities. The tour also included visits to the Army Strategic Defense Command and Gold Star of America in Huntsville.

## Army's 212th birthday celebrated with ball

A military ball, in celebration of the Army's 212th birthday, is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the NCO Club.

The event will be the first Army Birthday Ball here in three years. The past two balls were canceled because the date conflicted with the Huntsville-Madison County Armed Forces Celebration.

Active duty and retired members of all branches of the armed services, national guard and reserve members, Department of Defense civilians, and family members of these groups are invited to attend.

Battle streamers will be reattached to the Army flag during a Twilight Tattoo. Music will be provided by the 313th Army Reserve Band from Birmingham.

The dinner menu will include roast beef, green beans almondine, potatoes au gratin, salad with dressing, tea, iced tea, coffee, cake and rose' wine. Attendees also will receive a souvenir glass.

Tickets to the ball cost \$12 and are available from sergeants major, first sergeants, and Birthday Ball ticket representatives. For more information call 876-1049/6546.

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### Society's rules

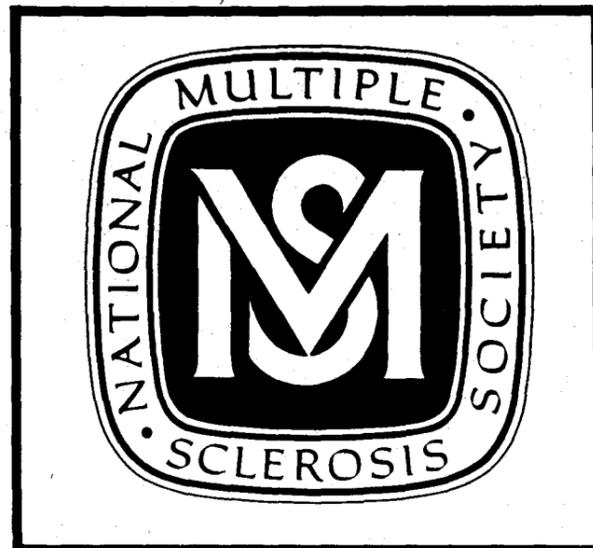
**Editor:**

The following has been written by a still-addicted former smoker who quit long ago, and is intended to be read in a medium tone of voice in a non-sanctimonious, matter-of-fact manner:

I don't like it when people chew tobacco and spit it on the areas where I must walk. Neither do I like it when people burn tobacco in the air I must breathe.

The spitting has been against the rules of polite society and many laws for over a hundred years. I feel that it is time that the rules of society and law be brought up to date to show that we value our lungs as much as we value our shoes. My office is already up to date.

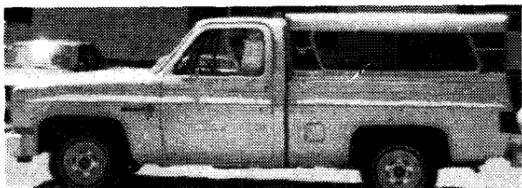
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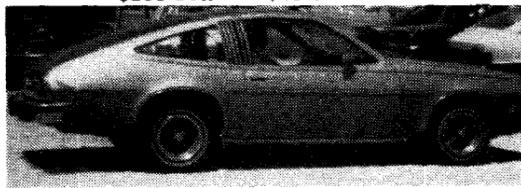
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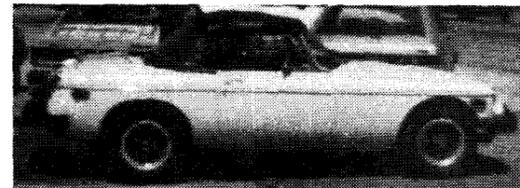
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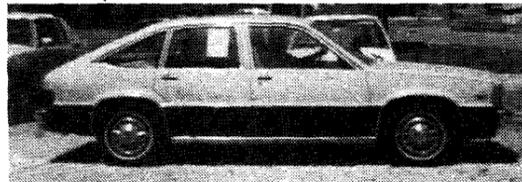
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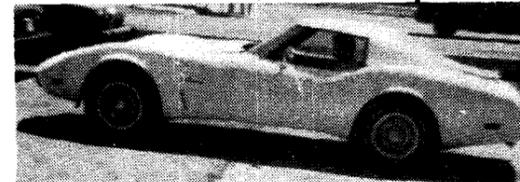


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# Consumers advised to learn their own credit history

BY BRADLEY BODMER

If you are having trouble getting credit, ads that promise to fix your credit history may sound like the perfect answer to your problems. But before you pay a credit repair clinic to "fix" your credit record, learn what the law says and consider saving your money by making some phone calls yourself.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you have the right to learn what your file says. If you have been denied credit based on a report from a credit bureau, the creditor must provide you with the name and address of the credit bureau they contacted. If you contact that bureau within 30 days to learn what is in your file, there is no charge for this service.

If you simply wish to learn what is in your credit file, check the Yellow Pages under Credit Bureau or Credit Reporting Agencies. If several are listed, call to find the one that keeps your file. Credit bureaus may charge to give you file information. Their fees usually range from \$5 to \$15.

After you review your credit record, contact your credit bureau if you find any inaccurate information in your file. By law, a credit bureau must investigate and remove any items that cannot be double-checked.

However, if the information is accurate, no one can require the credit bureau to remove it— unless it is outdated. If you have been late paying your bills during the last seven years, the law permits the credit bureau to tell creditors about your history of late payments. Bankruptcy may be reported for 10 years. That is the law. If anyone tells you that they can remove negative but accurate items from your file, they are making promises that they cannot keep.

If you are having problems paying your bills and need help, you have several options. You can contact the companies you owe money and work out an adjusted repayment plan yourself, or you can check your telephone directory for non-profit financial counseling programs to get help. Some universities, local county extension agents, military bases, credit unions, hous-

ing authorities, and banks operate such programs and charge little, if anything, for their assistance.

You also may want to contact a Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a non-profit organization with more than 200 offices located in 44 states. CCCS counselors will try to arrange a repayment plan that is acceptable to you and your creditors, and they also will help you set a realistic budget. To find an office near you, check the white pages of your local phone

directory for Consumer Credit Counseling Service or contact National Foundation for Consumer Credit Inc., 8701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. 20910; phone (301) 589-5600. For more free information about credit, write: "Solving Credit Problems," Federal Trade Commission, Public Reference Washington, D.C. 20580.

(Capt. Bradley W. Bodmer is chief of legal assistance here.)

## Siding

(cont'd from Page 4)

operation in their offices, according to Jo Gaskin, chief of the Administrative Services Division for MICOM, and custodian for building 5250.

Moving automated data processing equipment away from the construction area probably will be the biggest problem, she said. The contractor will remove drapes from the windows, but organizational elements within 5250 should contact Gaskin as soon as possible if drapes need to be re-installed.

"We're working out ADP on a case-by-case basis. We'll probably need to move the equipment back three to four feet, and it will be covered with plastic to keep the dust out, but it's still going to be a very dusty process," she said.

While the construction will cause some inconvenience, Gaskin doesn't anticipate any major problems at 5250.

"We have had a lot of projects done in this building that affected the normal routine, and people take them in stride," she said.

Dr. Bobby R. Mullinix, chief of the Engineering Branch of Facilities Engineering, said the combination of aluminum siding, insulation and smaller windows was selected for several reasons in addition to energy conservation, including low maintenance, ease of installation, and comfort for occupants.

"We wanted to improve the looks as well as reduce maintenance, like painting," he said. The siding should reduce exterior and interior painting.

"The siding on the buildings is expected to last 20 years without exterior painting. On the interior, we have a good benefit, because in the old concrete buildings, water would come through the blocks and make water marks. You could paint, and in less than a year, have water marks. With the siding, the paint holds four or five years unless you have major furniture-moving that would beat it up," he said.

The aluminum siding was chosen over other exterior finishes because of the relative ease of installation. Since several contractors are doing the work, Mullinix believed more consistent results could be achieved with the aluminum.

"The other finishes were much more a function of workmanship. We expected variation from contractor to contractor. With the aluminum we're getting consistent results, and it's not as skill sensitive," he said.

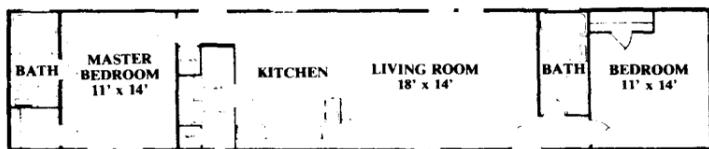
The increased comfort of the upgraded buildings should be evident even to those who don't like the decrease in windows, according to Mullinix.

"It will add considerable comfort to the occupants. Several will not like less windows, but before, if you got near the walls in winter, you could feel the cold air. It'll take a little bit of an adjustment period, but once everyone is adjusted, it'll feel pretty good."

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# Local union president outlines strategy for term

BY PAM ROGERS

Monitoring negotiated agreements, improving the grievance procedure and making efforts to avoid contracting-out are subjects that head the list of Dennis Garrison's goals for his two year term as president of Local 1858 AFGE.

Garrison was elected in April, and has served in several offices of the American Federation of Government Employees at the local, regional and national levels, including national president.

"The negotiated agreements represent seven different units which include professional and non-professional employees and the non-appropriated fund workers. Most of the Army employees are covered under these agreements. We will be working with all the commanders and directors to make sure the agreements and the Civil Service Reform Act, PL 95-454, are all applied fairly and equally for all the workers," Garrison stated.

Garrison believes the grievance procedure could be improved by adding the presence of a disinterested party, either as an investigator or as a hearing officer.

"We want somebody who's not involved (in the grievance). We feel the employee doesn't get a good shot—that it's not fair," he said.

## Avoiding contracting

The union is also working on ways to avoid a contracting-out—paying a contractor to do work that was previously performed by government workers. The only major contracting-out Redstone has ex-

perienced to date was in 1985, involving the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, which resulted in a reduction-in-force and ultimately affected almost 1,000 jobs.

"We have the right to compete with a contractor. When they go out for a cost comparison, we want to be a part of it. We've also got bills in Congress to help us out," he said.

Some workers are still feeling the effects of the two-year-old action, according to Garrison.

"It's my understanding that there are still 44 employees they have not placed in permanent jobs," he said.

Although Garrison concedes that contracting-out seems to be a fact of life for government agencies these days, he believes the disadvantages outweigh the benefits.

"We're losing quantity and quality, plus money," he asserted.

The union also is fighting against the use of drug urinalysis as a condition for federal employment.

"Urinalysis (for drug-use screening) is a thorn in our side. We are for controlling drug use. We are committed to a drug-free society. But we are against drug testing without proper cause. If you've got a reason, that's a different situation. We don't believe it should be a condition for employment," Garrison said.

## Management relations

He wants to work with management to improve management-employee relations. "We're working

with management from the top down," he said.

"We'll try to settle complaints at the lowest level. The more we settle, the better the relationship. Morale is higher, and everybody gains—the government, the employee and the taxpayers."

Garrison is concerned that many employees don't realize what the union does for them.

"Our major things are our negotiated agreements: the merit promotion plan, adverse actions and the grievance procedure; pay and retirement and health benefits—we represent all federal employees. So many people believe these things just come out, but that's not so. We have lobbyists, and it's hard these days just to get a 3 percent raise."

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## Maintenance honorees include Army unit

WASHINGTON— A U.S. Army unit in Germany earned a place among the list of six military units honored in a Defense Department ceremony May 28 for their outstanding maintenance contributions during fiscal year 1986.

Representatives of the Army's 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, 1st Armored Division, stationed at Illesheim, Germany, earlier had traveled to Washington to accept their award as the Army chief of staff's No. 1 maintainers in the "heavy" category. Both award presentations were sponsored by the American Defense Preparedness Association, which equates sound maintenance policy and practices to maintaining readiness of the force.

In presenting the awards, Under Secretary of Defense Richard P. Godwin commended the association for its sponsorship, noting that the awards program helps assure that maintenance efforts will continue to excel. As to this year's winners, Godwin said, "These professionals are putting forth their very best for the country." When such maintainers strive to economize, innovate and modernize their craft, they prove every day that "maintenance truly is a success story," he added.

The association's rotational Phoenix Trophy, which is given annually to the top winner chosen from the six competitors, went to the Air Force's 50th Tactical Fighter Wing at Hahn Air Base, Germany. As a symbol of bestowing continued life to weapon systems and equipment through maintenance excellence, the trophy depicts the mythological Phoenix bird that after death — is consumed by flames — and reborn again from its own ashes. (Arnews)

## Stallions trip Athletics in civilian softball

Led by Jamie King, the Stallions gave the Athletics their first loss of the civilian softball league season.

King got three hits and drove in three runs in the 8-7 win. Ken Moore and Jerry Williams drove in two runs apiece, and John Jordan got two hits. Doug Wilkes contributed fine defensive play. For the Athletics, Dwayne Moore drove in two runs, Ricky Prince delivered a run, and Steve Riley got two hits.

In other games, the Athletics nipped the Cougars 8-7; Hawaiianoids clipped T&E 6-5; Hawaiianoids beat Redrocks 17-11; Patriot pounded CPO 23-6; Thiokol whipped Servicemaster 16-4; Cougars edged RADS 14-13; Stallions ripped MED 17-6; and SEPD won by forfeit over COE. Also, the MSIC-1 team beat MSIC-2, T&E defeated Patriot, MED outdid MSIC-2, and COE got the best of T&E (scores not available).

Joe Carter slammed two doubles and drove in three runs to pace the Athletics past the Cougars. Austin Watson tripled and drove in a run, and Rick Fuller got two hits. Freddie Martin and Watson were credited for their defensive play. Kenny Brooks delivered five runs and Ken Lomax drove in two for the Cougars.

Debbie Saint brought across the game-winning run as the Hawaiianoids edged T&E. Jeff Jarvis homered,

Dirk Siron and Steve Watts each tripled, Dan Marcott doubled and drove in two runs, and Tom Hart doubled. Steve Nelson robbed a batter with a catch on the left field fence.

Nelson pounded three hits and drove in three runs to lead the Hawaiianoids to a come-from-behind win over Redrocks. Jimmy Daniel delivered two runs while Watts and Gary Davis both homered.

Patriot put on a power display in the win over CPO. Ron Hall, Daniel Whitner, Tom Ryan and Frank Thomas all homered.

John Jordan contributed four hits with four runs scored in the Stallions' win at the expense of MED. Emmett Mathias slugged three hits and drove in four runs; Jamie King, Gordon Jones and Jim Chiarizio each delivered three runs; and Ken Moore brought in two runs.

Here are the league standings as of June 5: Athletics, 8-1; Cougars, 8-2; Stallions, 6-2; Hawaiianoids, 6-2; MSIC-1, 5-2; SEPD, 3-2; T&E, 4-3; MED, 4-3; RADS, 5-4; Thiokol, 5-4; Pershing, 4-4; Redrocks, 2-5; Patriot, 3-6; COE, 2-6; CPO, 2-6; Servicemaster, 1-7; and MSIC-2, 0-9.

## Soldiers must use safety belts

WASHINGTON— More than 2,200 soldiers are killed or injured each year in private motor vehicle accidents. Many of these soldiers could have been saved had they worn their safety belts.

Soldiers are now required to use safety belts. Army Regulation 385-55, dated March 12, states that soldiers will use safety belts at all times, on and off Federal installations, while driving or riding in a private motor vehicle that is equipped with a restraint system.

The regulation also requires civilians to use a safety belt while driving or riding in a private motor vehicle or government-owned vehicle on military installations

at all times and off military installations when the vehicle is used for official business.

President Ronald Reagan signed an executive order in September 1986 requiring Federal employees occupying the front seat of a motor vehicle on official business to have a safety belt properly fastened while the vehicle is in motion.

The president in his executive order noted that "Each year, thousands of lives could be saved and injuries prevented if motorists would use their safety belts. The annual cost of these needless deaths and injuries exceeded \$32 billion."

Military police are enforcing this requirement on installations. (Arnews)

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# MICOM Family Picnic draws big crowd for sports, children's ev

The command sergeant major overdid it in softball, the director of missile logistics won the door prize, and everyone generally seemed to have a good time at the annual MICOM picnic Saturday.

Charlotte Bell, the picnic chairman, estimated the crowd numbered around 4,000. Other estimates varied from 2,500 to 5,000.

"I would say it's been a success," Bell said as the picnic drew to a close at the civilian recreation area.

CSM Robert Whiteford hurt his leg while running from second to third base during the Command Group team's first game in the softball tournament. "He either ran into somebody or pulled up lame," said Maj. Terry Whittington, the secretary of the general staff and a teammate. "He was making a mad dash to third base."

Whiteford went to the hospital to have his leg treated. Whittington moved from catcher to take Whiteford's place as second baseman for the next three and a half games. The Command Group team did manage to win a third place trophy in the tournament.

"We're all on crutches and wheelchairs this morning but I guess that's the way it goes," Whittington joked on Monday.

In the door prize drawing, a young girl from the audience was asked to pick out an entry from a box. Since the first card she pulled named a person who was not present, she was asked to pull out another. The winner of the VCR was none other than Jack Isom, director of the Missile Logistics Center.

"Is she here?" joked Brig. Gen. William Fiorentino.

Isom, who once won a new Buick by golfing a hole-in-one, smiled broadly as he received his prize. "Do you believe that?" he asked an observer. Moments later he joked, "I'm going to put this in my new Buick and go home."

### Picnic trophy winners included the following:

**Softball**— first place, HHC MICOM; second, Corps of Engineers and three third-place winners, Raiders, Command Group and the Jets.

**Volleyball**— first, HHC; second, MED (Maintenance Engineering Directorate); and third, Exterminators.

**Horseshoes**— first, Hal Meadows; second, Willie Pope; and third, 1st Sgt. Benjamin Frank Sundry.

**Egg Race**— first, Carla Booker; second, Eric Herring; and third, Georgia Walker.

**Sack Race**— first, Eric Herring; second, Stacy William; and third, Travis Knighton.

**Tug of War**— The Nasty Boys.

**Watermelon eating**— first, Lashelle Boone; second, Laterra Boone.

**Basketball shooting**— first, Kenneth Tate; second, John Sledge and third, Paul (full name not available).

**All-Tournament Softball Team**— Sgt. Todd Roark and Capt. Charles E. Mitchell, HHC; Strickland and Acklin (full names not available), the Jets; Maj. Bud Irish and Capt. John Comer, Command Group; Ray Thornton and Steve Watts, Corps of Engineers; Kurt Wheat and Joe Carter, Raiders.

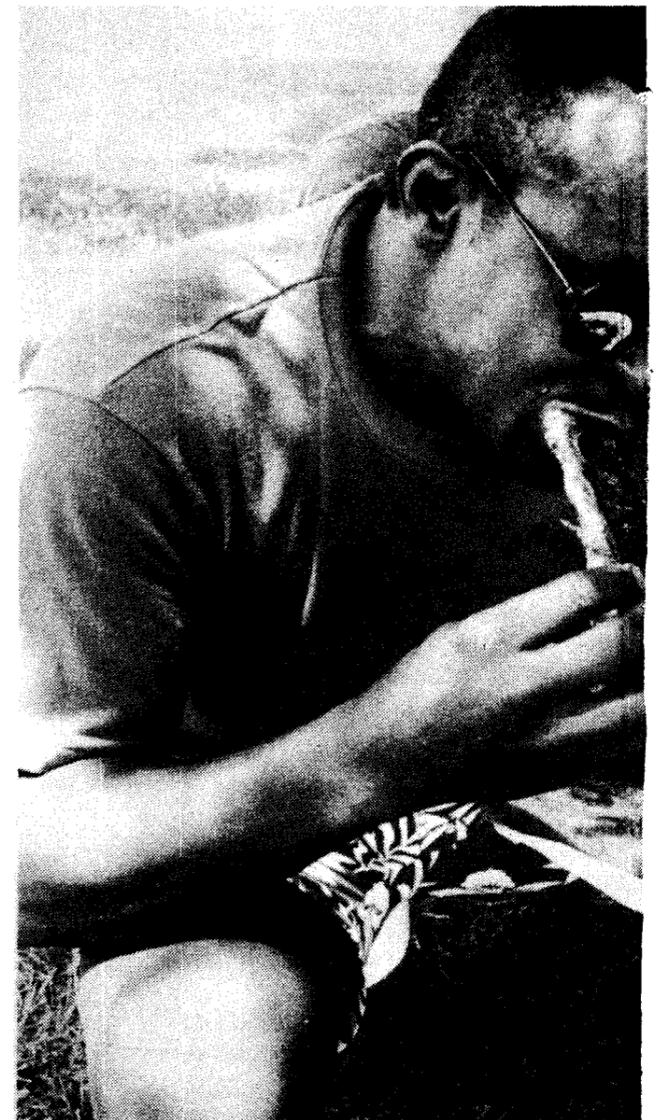
**All-Tournament Volleyball Team**— Dante Emanuel, Myron McCray and Lizette Honeycutt, Exterminators; Amy Edwards, Ollie Toney and Carl Crutcher, MED; Robin Bruitt, Gary Beyer and Dan Dansby, HHC.



PAINT JOB—Monisa Jones, 11, daughter of Betty Ann Jones, has



ALL WET—Jack Isom, director of MLC, recovers from a dip in the dunking booth. He later won the door prize.



BARBECUE—Donald Tiller, a security guard, enjoys a plate of

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**HAPPY FACE**—Justin Taylor, 3, son of William Taylor who works in procurement at Research Park, has apparently visited the face painting area.



**FRISBEE THROW**—Terrance Burt, 13, son of Allie Agbaje of TOW Project's acquisition branch, tests his skill at throwing a frisbee.



**EASY DOES IT**—Shamolie Wyckoff, 8, daughter of James and Shirley Wyckoff, competes in the egg race.

# Unusual automobile result of lifelong hobby

**BY PAM ROGERS**

Jim Fisher has a lot of explaining to do. Well, he does if he has his new car with him. It seems that everywhere Fisher takes his car, a crowd appears, with some people asking questions, but most staring at the propeller— yes, propeller— on the back.

Fisher built the car at home, and it's only his latest achievement in a hobby that began when he was 12 years old.

"I'd rather build something than eat," he said.

His fascination with building things has taken him from model airplanes to hotrods. He's even built a hovercraft and an airboat.

"This car works on the same principle as an airboat, but it has wheels— it's the same as an airboat, but it's made in the shape of a car," Fisher said.

Fisher's talent and attention to detail are evident in

the car. The white, fiberglass finish is near perfect, right down to the silver pinstripes on the sides. The removable top is fitted with a sunroof. Its motorcycle wheels give it a sporty touch. It even has fuzzy dice hanging above the dashboard.

The 20-horsepower engine runs the 46-inch, chain-driven propeller; and the 450-pound car can reach speeds of up to 40 mph.

Fisher said he doesn't know of any other propeller-powered cars— it's just something he thought up.

"I drew off on paper what I wanted, and then I just went to building it," he said.

He built the car out of wood, construction foam, and fiberglass, and made everything he could himself, even the steering wheel.

"People ask me how I can find the money to do

something like this— it's because I do it all myself," he said.

"There's an advantage to it. If it were sitting next to a Corvette, people would look at it instead of the Corvette."

Fisher's words were verified when he parked the car on a trailer outside building 5250. A steady stream of people approached the car, admiring, asking questions.

"Oh, it's just something I built back at the house," he told them.

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"It's just something to show and play with— to have fun with," he said.

Fisher is a native of Huntsville, and has held several jobs since he graduated from Huntsville High School in 1968. He spent six years in the Air Force, and worked as a roofer and an insurance salesman before becoming a security guard here about five years ago.

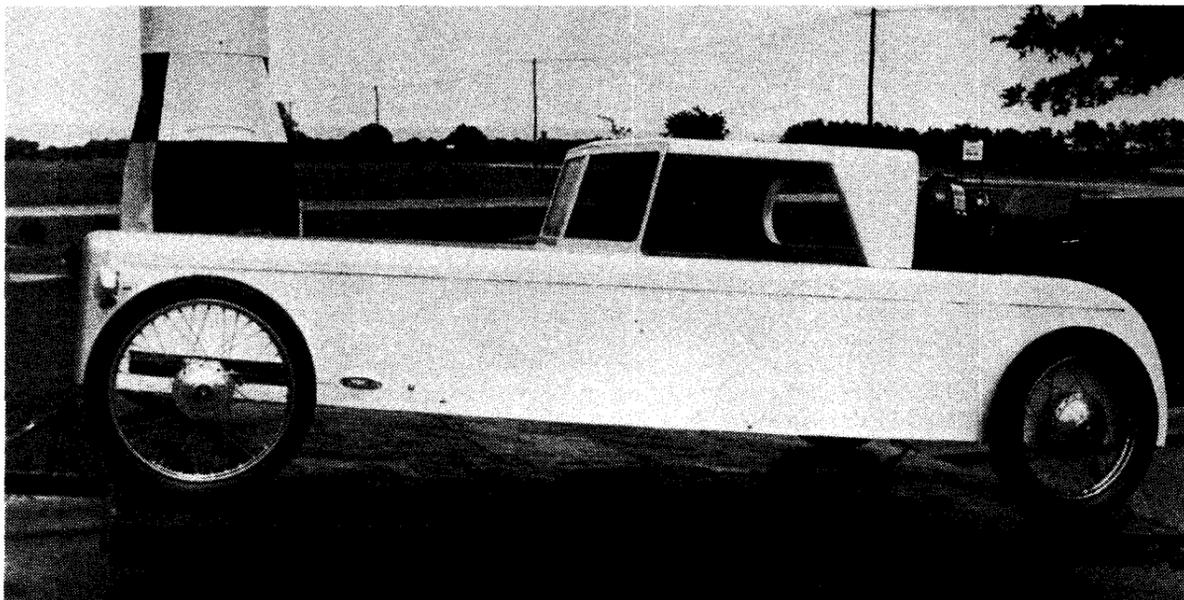
He and his wife, Rosemary, have two daughters. Shelley is 6 and Casey is 4.

Fisher likes the job because it's one that doesn't give him worries when he's not at work.

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Fisher doesn't really have long-range plans for his building. He just goes from project to project. Right now he's working on a catamaran, a type of sailboat. His next project will be learning to sail.



PROPELLER-POWERED — Fisher's homemade car sports a 46-inch propeller.



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That figure — which shows that only 41 percent of the force smokes today, as compared to 52 percent last June — surfaced in a recently completed survey of soldier's smoking habits and attitudes. The survey's other findings reveal, for example, that daily sales of carton cigarettes at Army commissaries have declined by 10.4 percent — from 2,041 to 1,828 cartons per store.

How do the Army's top leaders view this trend?

The person most directly responsible for the Army's "controlling smoking policy" is Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel Lt. Gen. Robert M. Elton.

"We have made significant progress over the past year," he said, "in our efforts to reduce the use of tobacco products by our soldiers."

He stressed that "the Army's philosophy has been to provide information and assistance to soldiers, so they can make intelligent decisions about the use of tobacco products."

As to soldiers' response to the policy itself, the survey shows that 81 percent of the officers and 62 percent of the enlisteds surveyed "agree" or "strongly agree" with the policy's key provision: smoking on the job is prohibited except in designated smoking areas.

In their view of the policy's effect thus far, Army medical officials note that most of their activities have reported "a dramatic increase in the demand for programs to assist people to stop smoking." Maj. Gen. Tracy E. Strevey Jr., who commands the U.S. Army Health Services Command at San Antonio, added: "There has been an increased emphasis in smoking-related disease prevention by our direct patient-care providers in all clinical specialties during routine office visits." (Arnews)



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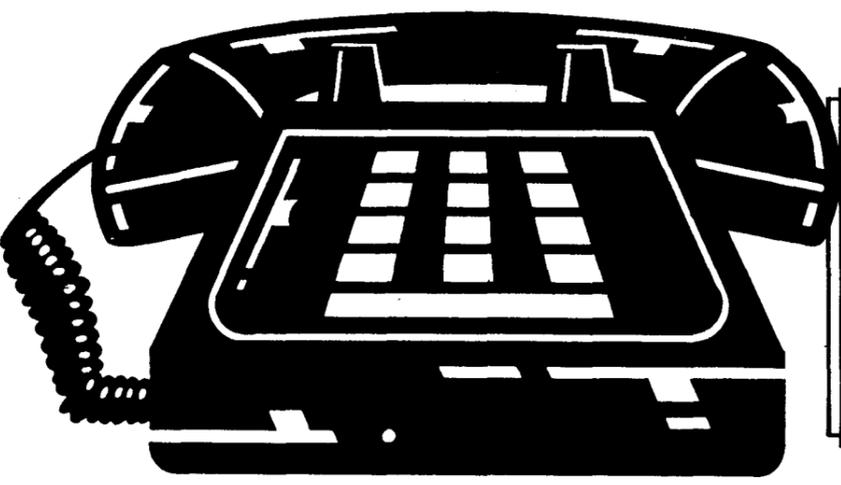
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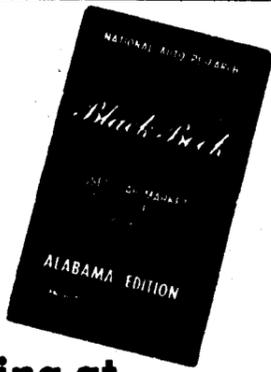
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Pack advises that people wash their cars at least once a week in order to maintain a vehicle's appearance.

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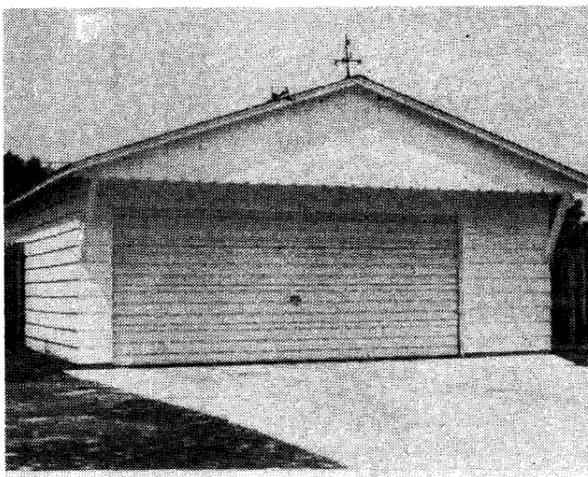
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# Sun protection important part of avoiding skin cancer

**BY EVELYN D. HARRIS**  
American Forces Information Service

Planning to catch some rays this weekend! Go ahead — but be careful.

More than 90 percent of the 450,000 new cases of skin cancer that will be diagnosed this year will develop in parts of the body directly exposed to the sun. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, and the number of cases increases every year.

Fortunately, most new cases are either squamous cell or basal cell cancer. These cancers are easy to treat if caught early, often with a simple outpatient procedure similar to having a wart removed.

But a third kind of cancer, melanoma, is potentially fatal. About 22,000 new cases of melanoma are reported every year, resulting in as many as 5,500 deaths. The rate of melanoma cases is almost three times what it was 10 years ago. The disease is also affecting a younger age group than before.

Perhaps the growing number of skin cancer cases does have something to do with the depletion of the ozone layer, as some scientists believe. But it could also be attributed to the fact that tanning has become fashionable in this century. Before, ladies took care to avoid so much as a freckle.

Fair-skinned people, particularly blondes and redheads, are at more risk for skin cancer than others. They lack sufficient melanin, a pigment substance that filters out the sun's rays. People who work outdoors and those who live in sunny latitudes are also more at risk. However, no one, no matter how dark their skin, is immune.

Since overexposure to the sun is the main cause of basal and squamous cell cancer and is believed to be the cause of melanoma, skin protection is important.

In addition to protection against cancer, career protection can be an incentive to respect the sun. Military members are subject to disciplinary action for reporting to duty with an incapacitating sunburn. According to Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) George Winton, assistant chief dermatologist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., some early research to develop modern sunscreens was sponsored by the military.

Here are some of Winton's tips for saving your skin.

- If you feel you must get a tan, do so gradually, giving yourself a little more exposure every day. This allows your skin to thicken, providing more protection.

- If possible, avoid, or limit yourself to 15 minutes exposure during the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Ultraviolet rays are strongest during these hours.

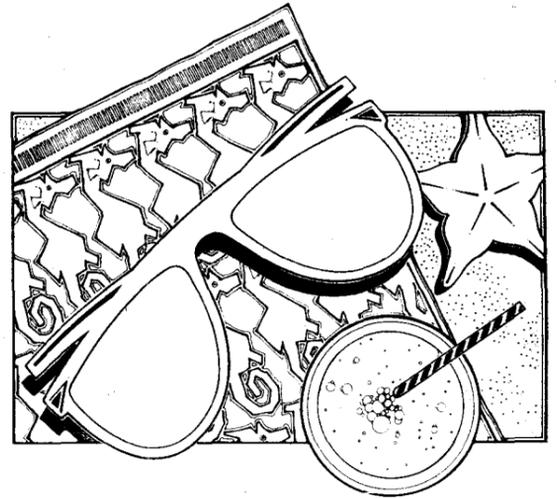
- Use a sunscreen. Para-aminobenzoic-acid — PABA — is the most common effective ingredient in sunscreens, but a few people are allergic to it. Winton recommends sunscreens containing cinnamate if you're allergic to PABA. Both sunscreens are available in popular brands. Most of these products carry a number indicating the degree of protection they afford. The higher the number, the more the protection. Fair-skinned people and very young children should use No. 15. Lifeguards and others who are out in the strong sun a lot should use an opaque sunscreen on their noses and lips.

- Be extremely careful about using tanning salons. Winton said the American Academy of Dermatology recommends against using tanning salons at all. Researchers aren't yet sure, but they believe repeated use of the salons may also lead to skin cancer.

- Be careful, even if it's cloudy — ultraviolet rays can get through clouds.

- Certain drugs, such as tetracycline, can make your skin more susceptible to burns.

Finally, get to know your skin and your own pattern of moles, freckles and beauty marks. Once a month, after your shower, give yourself a onceover. If you spot any change in the size, color, texture or shape of your marks, see a doctor.



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# Montgomery G.I. Bill signed in ceremonies at Capitol

WASHINGTON— Speaker of the House of Representatives James C. Wright, in a formal signing ceremony held May 19 in Statuary Hall of the Capitol, completed House action on the Montgomery GI Bill as permanent legislation.

The two-year-old education assistance program, previously know as the New GI Bill and scheduled for termination in 1988, was developed as a readjustment benefit for veterans and as a recruitment and retention tool for the armed forces.

Statistics show that, since its implementation, there have been marked increases in both numbers and quality of recruits.

More than 293,000 active-duty recruits of the armed services are participating in the program and 52,000

members of the Guard and Reserve are already using their benefits at colleges throughout the country.

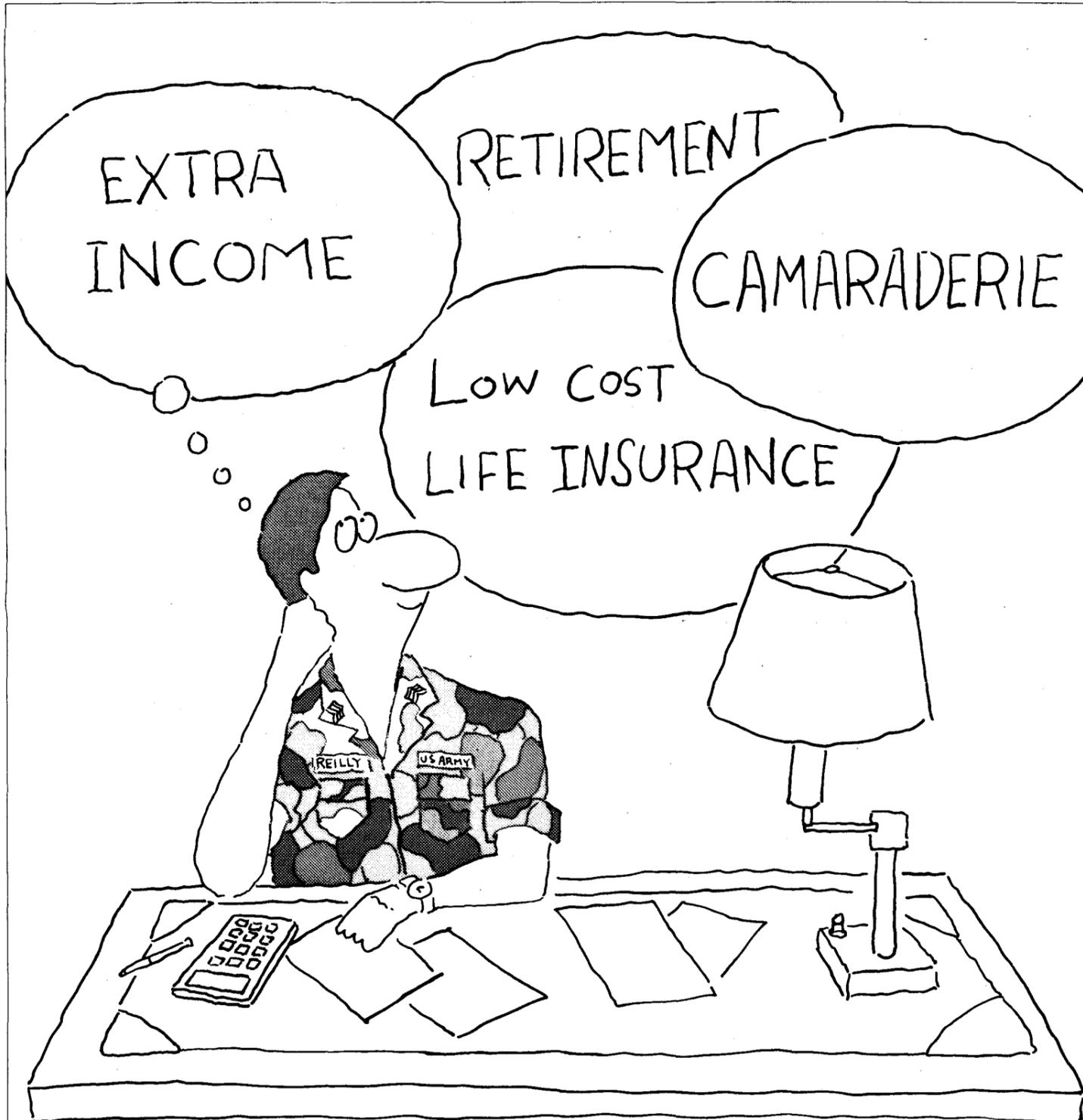
March statistics show that 81 percent of the Army's recruits opted to participate. The Navy signed 58 percent of its recruits to the program; 76 percent of Marine Corps enlistees opted for the program; and the Air Force reports that 45 percent of its new recruits enrolled.

"The very best financial investment this country ever made was the GI Bill of Rights at the end of World War II," said Wright. It sent an entire generation of Americans to college, and our country has been reaping the dividends ever since.

Wright repeated what he had said earlier in January, on the floor of the House that: "(The GI Bill) has pro-

duced not only a richer social fabric for our nation, but actually it has paid back to the Treasury many times the amount that has been invested in making it possible for young Americans of modest economic circumstances to gain college education."

Wright, Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi (after whom the program is named), Members of the Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees, officials from each branch of the Armed Forces, representatives of military associations and veterans' service organizations, and young recruits who are participating in the education assistance program were in attendance. (Arnews)



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# Announcements

## Government van sale

Directorate of Community and Family Activities' services division is selling a 1972 Ford F-100 van. This vehicle is in running condition and is offered "as is" with no guarantee. Military personnel—active, Reserve Component, or retired—their family members, and government civilian workers of Redstone Arsenal, Marshall Space Flight Center and Research Park are authorized to purchase this vehicle. The van may be seen at building 3652 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To arrange a test drive, call Mr. Popel 876-1725. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope either in person at building 118 or via mail to Services Division, P.O. Box 8192, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. 35808-0192. Deadline for submitting a bid is 4 p.m. Friday, June 19. For more information call 876-2501/3030.

## Chapel events

*Ecumenical Vacation Church School* will be held on weekdays June 15 through 24 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Youth ages 3 through those who have just completed sixth grade are invited to attend. Parents should register their children in person at Bicentennial Chapel; no phone reservations will be accepted. *Protestant Youth of the Chapel* will have a Summer Swim Festival at pool 3 each Wednesday at 6 p.m., starting today. All are invited.

## Surgery services

Effective immediately and until about July 20, surgery services at Fox Army Community Hospital must be limited to active duty military and their dependents, according to a hospital news release. "We have had only one surgeon since January 1987 and are unable to continue comprehensive, quality surgical care to all categories of beneficiaries," it said. "Full general surgery services will be reinstated when we are staffed with two surgeons, which should be in mid-July. Surgery services may be covered by CHAMPUS/MEDICARE during this period." For more information, call the CHAMPUS advisor 876-2960.

## Smoking cessation

Smoking Cessation Classes will be held at Fox Army Community Hospital June 22-26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's dining facility. To sign up, call 876-5780/3784. For more information, call Capt. Neil 876-6896.

## Singles group

Singletarians' discussion group is scheduled to meet on June 13. For more information, call 852-1141 or 539-7085.

## Motorcycle course

The Army Education Office will offer a motorcycle safety course for anyone who operates a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal. The course is needed before riders can get a vehicle pass. The course lasts six and a half hours. Civilians must pay \$14 to attend, and military members who signed up previously but did not attend without canceling must also pay \$14. For more information call Dorothy Blackburn or Reita Perry at 876-9761.

## Epilepsy support group

The Huntsville Epilepsy Support Group will meet Tuesday, June 16 at noon at the Huntsville Rehabilitation Complex. Family and friends are welcome. Call 933-1471 collect for more information.

## Military personnel division

In observance of the 212th anniversary of the AG corps, Military Personnel Division will be closed Wednesday afternoon, June 17 beginning at 3, except for emergencies. Commanders with soldiers planning to leave Redstone Arsenal on June 17 for reassignment should ensure all post facilities are cleared and that the soldier reports to the Military Personnel Division for final out-processing by 2 that afternoon. Failure to out-process by then will delay departure until June 18.

## Sickle cell walkathon

A walkathon is set in Huntsville for Sickle Cell Anemia, a blood disease that primarily affects black people (in the U.S. one out of every 10 has a sickle cell trait, and one out of 500 has the disease itself). The walkathon will be held June 13 around Big Spring Park, starting at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by WDKT-73 AM radio station. Contributions to the Sickle Cell Foundation can be sent to: Central North Alabama Health Services, P.O. Box 11187, Huntsville, Ala. 35814 in care of the sickle cell program. (Checks should be payable to North Central Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation.) For more information, call Katrina Ross 533-6311 (ext. 340).

## Found property

A girl's bicycle has been found. The owner can identify and claim this property by contacting the Investigations Branch, Attn: AMSMI-RA-PM-IN, building 3649, telephone 876-3449/2020.



## Age 70 and over

Citizens who have lived in northwest Madison County for 70-plus years are invited to a "Three Score Plus Ten" celebration at 3:30 p.m. June 14 at Harvest School on Wall Triana Highway. The event, presented by the Northwest Madison County Improvement-Transportation Service, will include "awards, recognition, fantastic program, reception." For more information call 837-2050/2771 after 4 p.m.

## Command change

Company D, 73rd Ordnance Battalion is scheduled to have a change of command ceremony 5 p.m. June 15 on the quadrangle behind building 3440. Maj. James T. Naughton will relinquish command to Capt. Jeffrey H. Fargo. A reception will be held following the ceremony in the Company B, 73rd Ordnance Battalion dayroom (building 3435W). Everyone is invited to attend.



## Top graduates

The following servicemembers received Honor or Distinguished graduate awards at OMMCS May 25-29: PFC Carl E. Houdeshell, distinguished, Sp4 Ricky L. Calvert, honor, Pvt. Timothy E. Reid, honor, Pvt. David A. Nilson, honor, Ammunition Specialist; Sgt. Richard D. Taylor, distinguished, Cpl. Peter M. Barack, honor, Technical Escort; Sp4 Letha M. Pace, distinguished, Pvt. Lawrence J. Herrera, honor, Ammunition Stock Control & Accounting Specialist; PFC Mark A. Munza, distinguished, Sp4 Scott A. Shabansky, honor, Pvt. Todd B. McDonald, honor, Chaparral/Redeye; Pvt. Robert A. Buchwalter, honor, Pvt. Jennifer L. Jackson, honor, Explosive Ordnance Disposal; Sp4 Elliot P. Crowner, honor, Sp4 Richard J. Drake, distinguished, and Pvt. Phillip M. Pacheo, honor, Multiple Launch Rocket System Repairer.

## Red Cross blood schedule

Here's the Red Cross blood collection schedule for the remainder of June. Today, building 111, 8 a.m. - noon; June 12, building 4566 (bus) 8 a.m. - noon, and building 4488 (trailer 3) 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; June 16, building 4752 (NASA), 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; June 17, building 3711 (Recreation Center), 9 a.m. - noon; June 19, building 5681 (bus) 7 a.m. - noon, building 7442 (bus) 8 a.m. - noon, and building 3434 (95th Maintenance Co.) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; June 20, building 3711, 8 a.m. - noon; June 26, USASDC (buses) 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; June 27, building 3711, 8 a.m. - noon.

## FEW networking

Members of Federally Employed Women get together every month on the second Friday for an hour or so to socialize, exchange ideas and career information, and welcome guests. The next session is set for June 12 at about 4:30 p.m. at Vignettes, Sheraton Inn.

## Unmanned vehicle systems

Pathfinder Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems will meet on Tuesday, June 23 at the Officers Club. Social is set for 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 and a presentation at 7:15. Scheduled speaker is Dr. William McCorkle, director of MICOM's RD&E Center. For reservations call Mary Alverson of General Dynamics Corp. 881-2021.

## MOS Library

Hours for the soldiers' MOS Library have been changed to 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# OMMCS picnic set June 27

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will have its summer picnic June 27 at 1 p.m. at the NASA recreation area.

The picnic is open to all OMMCS permanent party military and civilian personnel and their families. In case of rain, the event would be held July 11.

Fun and festivities will include the following:

- A dunk tank, where for a small fee participants will get the chance to dunk an OMMCS VIP
- Door prizes; and
- Games for adults and children.

Planned games include sack races, egg toss, a dart booth, softball and volleyball competition, ring toss, horseshoes, and a department and directorate level tug-of-war tournament.

Cost is \$3.50 for adults, and \$1.50 for children ages 6-12.

## Depression seminar

Dr. Robert Chappell will give a free public seminar on "Depression" on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the UAH Clinical Science Center Lecture Hall. He is a member of the family medicine faculty at the UAH School of Primary Medical Care. For more information, call 536-5511 (ext. 477).

## Gate 8

The gate house at Gate 8 (Goss Road East) is being redesigned. Construction is expected to continue for approximately six months. Traffic will be reduced to one lane inbound and one lane outbound on one side of the road 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Traffic delays should be expected, and alternate routes entering and exiting the Arsenal are highly recommended.



## Red Cross blood winners

Here are the winners of the April Red Cross blood drive. Human Engineering Detachment, 1-50 category, Dwight Nichols, coordinator; Air Defense Command and Control Systems, 51-100 category, Janice Ray, coordinator; Missile Systems Readiness Directorate, 101-200 category, Marian Mialki, coordinator; Product Assurance Directorate, 201-400 category, Bruce Bialoskurski, coordinator; Corps of Engineers, 400 and over category, Joyce Hunter, coordinator.

Children under 5 can attend for free. All proceeds are to be donated to the post chaplain's fund. As a side benefit, the price entitles attendees to as many hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks and beverages that they can consume.

Everybody eligible is encouraged to participate; tickets can be purchased now through committee representatives assigned to each division or department at OMMCS. For more information, call Capt. Callaway at 876-1081/4354.



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**FOR SALE:** 1975 Dodge 3/4 ton pickup, auto, \$1200. Alum 80 scuba tank, \$75. Nylon II wet suit (XL), \$65. 3 sets jungle fatigues (L), \$15 each. 4 sets BDU's (L), \$20 each. Black overcoat with liner (L), \$45. Black pullover sweater (L), \$15. Call 882-3249 after 5 p.m.

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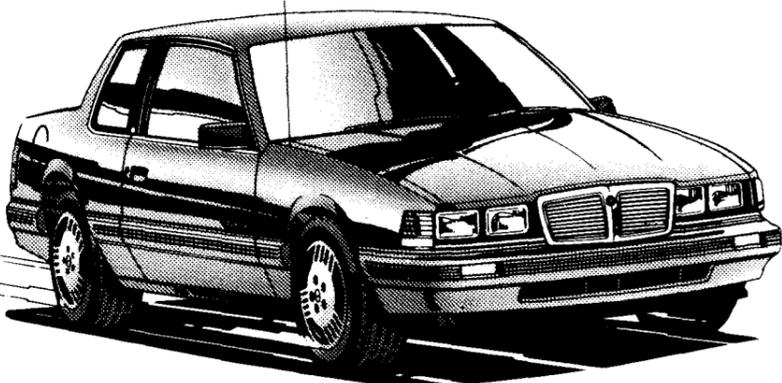
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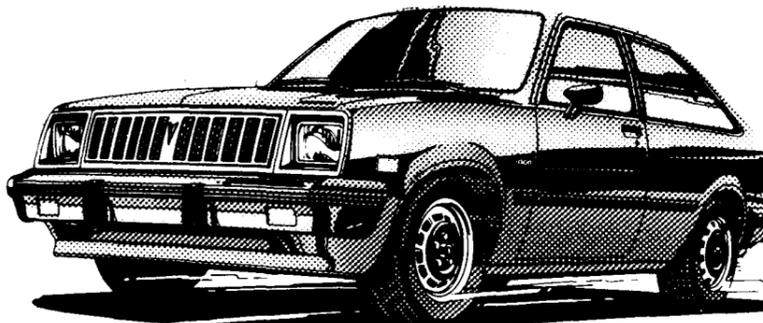
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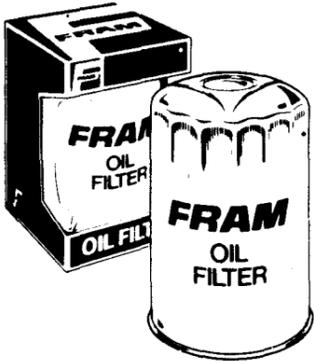
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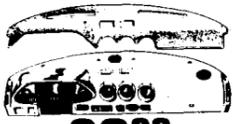


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