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## Health care program cuts announced

Effective April 1, Fox Army Community Hospital will temporarily discontinue filling prescriptions and performing laboratory and X-ray procedures ordered by civilian doctors.

The action, which applies to all Army hospitals in the United States, is necessitated by fiscal 1988 budget cuts, according to the Army's Health Services Command which operates the hospitals.

"This curtailment is applicable only to requests from civilian practitioners/providers for medicines and services which in the past have been provided to active duty military personnel, family members, and retirees and their family members who are military health care beneficiaries," the command's prepared statement said.

It continues: "Over-the-counter service at the pharmacies, such as cold medications, aspirin and throat spray will no longer be dispensed without a prescription. Civilian pharmacy prescriptions for medications, as well as requests for orthotics (braces), insulin syringes and other medical equipment and supplies will not be filled. Laboratory procedures and all types of X-rays ordered by civilian practitioners/providers will not be provided by the hospital."

Hospital officials emphasize that the cutback applies only to requests from civilian doctors and will not affect tests or prescriptions required by the military hospital staff.

Retirees, their family members and family members of active duty personnel seeing civilian doctors including those under CHAMPUS (civilian health and medical program of the uniformed services) will be affected. Last year 4,500 people eligible for care at the Army hospital used CHAMPUS instead, at a cost of \$5.4 million to the government and \$4 million to patients. Unfortunately, the Army hospital is not staffed to extend medical care to those now seeing civilian doctors.

Fox Army Community Hospital serves military personnel and their family members as well as retired military personnel and their family members living in north Alabama, southern Tennessee and portions of Mississippi and Georgia.

Services being curtailed at Fox Hospital are available in the civilian community and CHAMPUS will pay part of the cost of obtaining them from civilian sources, the hospital commander, Lt. Col.

Karl S. Snyder M.D., pointed out. Prior to the announced budget cuts, these services were being offered by the hospital to CHAMPUS beneficiaries to lessen the cost burden of health care for them.

"Hopefully our beneficiaries have some form of supplemental medical insurance for their CHAMPUS coverage which will minimize the impact of the curtailment," Snyder said.

CHAMPUS pays, for example, for 80 percent of prescription costs for family members of active duty soldiers and 75 percent of costs for retirees.

The Army hospital's pharmacy fills 1,000 prescriptions daily and consumes 60 percent of the hospital's total supply budget. Officials anticipate an 18 percent reduction in prescriptions filled as a result of these changes.

The curtailment of services is expected to last till the fiscal year ends but the services will be immediately restored should funding shortfalls be corrected, officials said.

Questions or comments can be directed to the hospital commander or his deputy commander for administration, Col. James R. Young, at 876-4147.

## MICOM ahead of pace for money-saving program

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Missile Command is ahead of last year's pace for coming up with money-saving alternatives to do things.

And last year MICOM doubled its goal for this value engineering program. The command saved \$241.2 million against a goal of \$118.8 million.

So far this fiscal year— October through last week—the command reported \$58.6 million in savings against a year-end goal of \$131.4 million.

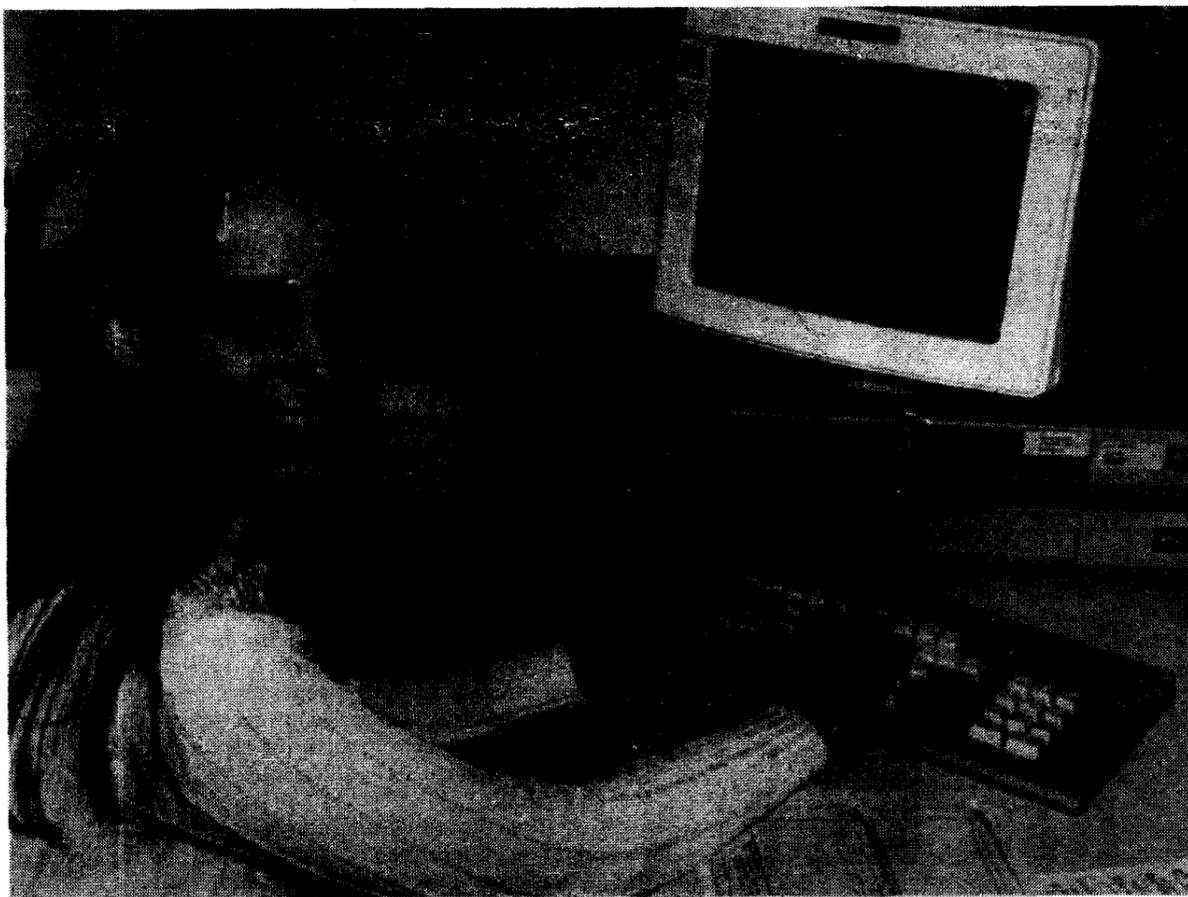
"We're doing very well compared to last year," said Bob Gibbs, the command value engineering program manager. "We were 12 percent of our goal at the same time last year and we're at 44.6 percent this year."

Cost avoidance is a new tracking tool this year. So far MICOM reported \$75.5 million in cost avoidance against a year-end goal of \$165.7 million.

Value engineering is "a way to make a good decision or pick an alternative to achieve a function at a lower cost," Gibbs said. "The whole idea behind that is to provide a systematic approach in looking at a function that is required to be performed and developing alternatives that are at a lower cost, and this provides higher value for our spending dollar."

The program can be applied to just about anything, according to Gibbs. "Anything from hardware design changes, to procedures, to procurement strategies, training, specifications, and requirements," he said.

Eleven organizations attained their value engineering goal last year. The first of 11 value engineering awards is to be presented today by Maj. Gen. Thomas Reese. The successful organizations include Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, TMDE Support Group, Tow Project Office, Army Tactical Missile System, (See MICOM, cont'd on page 2)



TRACKING IDEAS— Janice Dove, an engineering technician at the command value engineering office, uses a computer to track VE actions.

## Social Security card applications accepted here Friday

You can sign up for a new or replacement Social Security card right here on post this Friday.

The Legal Assistance Office here has arranged for the Social Security Office to process applications for Social Security cards on Friday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The location will be the activity room of the Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road.

"It'll be real convenient as opposed to going downtown," said Helen Gammons, a paralegal specialist at legal assistance office. Applications will be

accepted from anyone— including active and retired military personnel and their family members, and Army civilian workers.

Applications for new or replacement cards can be picked up before Friday at the legal assistance office, building 111, room G-35.

"Anybody that has a dependent that's at least 5 years old has to list that dependent's Social Security number on their 1987 tax return," Gammons said.

"The Tax Reform Act of 1986 has that requirement on it."

The act requires all taxpayers who claim an exemption for a dependent who is at least 5 years of age by the end of the tax year, to list the dependent's Social Security number (SSN) on form 1040 or form 1040A. This applies to tax returns due after Dec. 31, 1987, disregarding any extensions. The Social Security number requirement applies to any dependent claimed (See Card, cont'd on page 2)



## Furlough rumors

*Editor's note: The following is a memorandum addressed to all Army Materiel Command employees from the AMC commander.*

There are rumors flying that a furlough of many AMC employees is imminent; rumors that may be creating concern and stress among you. I hope to allay some of that.

By now, it should be no surprise to anyone that AMC received large decrements in the FY88 budget. As a result, we are restricting travel, releasing temporaries and offering an early retirement option.

These actions are just not enough to cover the decrement, particularly in the P7S central supply program, which was hard hit. We have to consider other measures. A furlough is one of them. But, I assure you, we are not taking any more steps that will impact the workforce without making sure there are no other funding avenues open to us.

We have urged the Department of the Army to transfer money from other accounts in to the P7S program, and we are optimistic the request will be approved. The Secretary of Defense has asked Congress to approve such transfer authority for all the services, and both the House and Senate are considering bills to authorize such authority.

When decisions are reached in Congress and at DA, the AMC workforce will be quickly informed. Meanwhile, I ask you to not let rumors control your dedication or productivity.

We are doing everything in our power to favorably resolve the funding situation. If that cannot be done, I promise you we will do everything we can to lessen the personal impact on all of our people.

**Louis C. Wagner Jr.**  
General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

## Union issues

**Editor:**

Union wins right to arbitrate agency job standards... Local 1858 is putting management on notice to get their act together on performance standards.

AFGE, in its continuous efforts to protect government workers from arbitrary and capricious performance standards and ratings, won two significant decisions in the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

In the first decision, issued Dec. 29, 1987, the Authority agreed with the union's position that arbitrators may decide whether agency established performance standards meet applicable legal re-

quirements or are in violation of law, rule or regulation.

Under this ruling, local unions can challenge a performance standard immediately rather than wait for an individual to be harmed by an adverse personnel action or rating. In addition, because the union can now directly challenge a performance standard applied to the work of many, the union can question the validity of the standard without filing a multitude of grievances.

"This decision will require agencies to think twice before issuing unreasonable and arbitrary performance standards."

Hatch Act reforms sweep House, head for Senate with a good chance to win... After nearly 50 years of being politically tied and gagged by Hatch Act restrictions, federal workers are on the brink of political freedom.

Federal employees will be able to participate in a full range of political activities— off-duty and off the worksite.

The Hatch Act reform requires a much stiffer violation than the current law. The reform act makes political appointees subject to the same restrictions as any other federal employee. As defined in the bill, coercion includes intimidation by a federal employee against an individual to vote or not to vote; to give or withhold a contribution or to engage in any political activity.

Anyone violating the rule is subject to dismissal, fines and up to three years in jail. The bill also places a \$5,000 limit on fines.

Therefore if you believe as I do on the Hatch Act reform, write your two senators.

Judge Thomas agreed with AFGE that suspicious drug testing program used by the Army violates the Fourth Amendment's prohibition of unreasonable search and seizure. AFGE agrees with the judge that illegal drugs are an enormous and dangerous problem in this country; however, AFGE believes the mandatory random testing is not a fair and equitable way to handle the drug problem.

I want to thank the members and leaders of Local 1858 for all their work and support. We had a very good meeting March 14, and we thank you for your

## MICOM

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Air Defense Command Interoperability Systems, Hawk, Missile Systems Readiness Directorate, Patriot, Pershing, Missile Logistics Center, and Information Management Directorate.

Value engineering change proposals are ideas submitted by contractors; the in-house ideas are called value engineering proposals.

"For the in-house program, a study is initiated in an area where there are problems or where there's a high cost area," Gibbs explained. "And the elements of the study result in an analysis of the function, gathering information about that function, present cost that is being experienced, and a generation of alternatives to achieve that function at the lowest total cost. And this is done consistent with ensuring requirements are met for performance, reliability, quality, maintainability and safety.

"Once the final alternative is picked, it's then presented to management for approval and the savings are validated and verified," he said.

Examples include a value engineering proposal in Patriot that saved \$7.39 million during fiscal 1987, according to Patrice Marotta, an engineer in the com-

## Card

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In another example, a contractor submitted a value engineering change proposal for Hellfire. "They reprogrammed a calculator that was in a test set and this allowed the test set to automatically perform tests that had been done manually prior to the study," Marotta said. Total savings for this fiscal year are \$266,000, shared equally by the government and the contractor, she added.

The 10-member value engineering office, located at Research Drive in Huntsville, is part of the System Engineering & Production Directorate.

"One of our objectives for FY 88 is to continue the emphasis in training to educate people about value engineering and how it can be used in their jobs and functions," Gibbs said. "In FY 87, we trained over 450 people in various aspects of value engineering. So far in FY 88, we have trained over 120 people.

"We have three certified trainers here at MICOM to teach value engineering, and we believe that it is one of the best ways to continue achieving great results in the future."

Besides those applying for the first time, other people may need to replace their Social Security card because it was lost or their name changed due to marriage. "If you've gotten married, you need to inform the Social Security Administration of that (name) change," Gammons said.

"Your Social Security number wouldn't change but your name on your card would."

Applications for new or replacement cards can be picked up before Friday so they can be properly filled out, and so that required evidence of age and citizenship and evidence of identity can be obtained and submitted with the form.

You must submit original or certified documents as evidence of age, citizenship or identity. Examples include birth certificates and marriage certificates. "Uncertified copies or notarized photocopies will not be accepted," Gammons said. "All documents submitted will be returned."

For more information, call the legal assistance office 876-9015.

being there and your participation. I am proud to be your president.

**Dennis Garrison**  
President  
AFGE Local 1858

## Guards, again

**Editor:**

I know this may seem like a subject that is just about beat to death, but I feel that another comment about the security guards is due. This morning I witnessed a case of pure laziness by two security guards at the east Martin Road gate. The time was 8:25 a.m. and the traffic was light going into the arsenal.

A non-registered civilian car stopped at the gate to get a visitors pass and sat there for about a minute while the two guards decided which one was going to go give this car a pass. When the guards could not decide who would go, they both just waved this non-registered civilian car to go on in. I went on through and was passed by this non-registered civilian car a few seconds later. I thought I would follow this car to see where he was going and found he was just using the arsenal as a short cut to the civilian airport area.

This is not the first time I have seen this type of action, but I hope it will be a start of the last time. I would almost be willing to bet that if this was better-monitored and cars were turned around and denied entry, you could cut out 33 percent of traffic on the arsenal.

Since all personnel working on the arsenal are required to have a badge or will have some type of travel orders in their possession or military ID card, this would be another way of checking in addition to checking for a valid drivers license.

Name withheld by request

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# Armed Forces volksmarch means fun for entire family

BY PAM ROGERS

For the past two years, the Huntsville-Madison County Armed Forces Celebration has been kicked off in a very special way, and this year will be no exception. Plans already are under way for the third annual Armed Forces Volksmarch.

Military families returning from tours overseas brought back the popular German sport of the "people's walk," and it's rapidly gaining popularity in the United States. Volksmarching originated as a way for just about anybody to participate in an outdoor sport. Events are geared toward fun and camaraderie, not competition and fast times.

Military families from Redstone Arsenal introduced the Huntsville community to the sport with the first Armed Forces volksmarch in 1986, and 1987 saw a substantial increase in participants. The 10- and 20-kilometer courses are routed through downtown Huntsville, with emphasis on the historic areas and landmarks.

Two Redstone families who have participated in volksmarches in the past are planning to make the May 21 walk fun for others by working at the event.

SFC F.J. LeBlanc, his wife, Mary and their two sons, Jamal, 17 and Jared, 12, have worked several of the events. Mary doesn't walk in volksmarches, but always works them because it gives her a chance to spend time with her family.

"Jamal does registration and anything heavy, and Jared sells T-shirts," she said.

Jamal, who is a member of the Air Force Junior ROTC at Butler High School, is trying to get a group of 30 cadets together to help prepare the route and to march as a team.

"We compete against Grissom. At the volksmarch in November (held at Redstone) Grissom had a team. I wasn't aware of it, but now we'll be ready," he said.

SFC Gene and Shirley Gomez and their 14-year-old daughter, Debbie, became active in volksmarching when Gene was stationed in Germany. They traveled to where the volksmarches were whenever they got the opportunity.

They have remained active in volksmarching since they came to Redstone, and will work at the Armed Forces Volksmarch for the first time. They figure they will still accomplish what they want—a day spent together.

Shirley had advice for those contemplating a volksmarch for the first time.

"Wear comfortable shoes, and don't carry anything in your hands," she suggested. A day pack or fanny pack is good for carrying small items you think you may need. "And don't carry a big camera, like a 35 millimeter. Carry a small one," she said.

The Gomez family likes to build up to a volksmarch by walking at home several weeks before the event.

"We take the pets with us, and it's a time to be together," Shirley said. She warned that pets probably would not enjoy making the Armed Forces Volksmarch, however. "The concrete gets too hot. Most of the time, when people start out with their pets,

they end up carrying them. Especially young puppies," she said.

Pre-registration for the volksmarch begins April 1 and runs through May 19. Cost for the walk if you wish to receive the participation medal is \$4 through pre-registration, and \$5 afterwards. You can pre-register at Redstone's Outdoor Recreation Center (building 5129) or at the Chamber of Commerce.

Both courses will begin and end at the Chamber of Commerce. You can begin walking any time between 7:30 a.m. and noon, and must be off the course by 4

p.m. German food, provided by the Redstone Arsenal NCO Club, will be available for purchase at the end of the course.

Prizes will be awarded to the oldest participant, the person who traveled farthest to walk, and to the largest military and civilian groups that participate. All groups of more than 25 people will receive a special award.

For more information about the volksmarch, call 876-6854.



VOLKSMARCHING FAMILIES—Front row, from left, Mary LeBlanc, Debbie Huskey and Shirley Gomez; back row, from left, SFC F.J. LeBlanc, Jared and Jamal LeBlanc and SFC Gene Gomez.

## Living Lord's Supper to be performed

Redstone community members who are active in the Post and Bicentennial Chapels will present a performance of the Living Lord's Supper later this month.

The Living Lord's Supper is a dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's painting, "The Last Supper," with actors portraying Jesus and the 12 Apostles.

"The idea for this particular production was suggested to the author, Earnest K. Emurian in 1953 by his organist," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Allison. Since then, the drama has been presented around the world, he said.

The performance will be directed by Margayle Pier-

son, who has directed several of the dramatizations in the Huntsville community, Allison said.

"The drama is speaking parts of each Apostle centered around Jesus. Each one speaks his part from a first person account," Allison said.

Actors for the play are Maj. Dewey Brandt, SFC Ray Speer, Bill Filer, Ed Ogozalek, Joe Carlton, Capt. Aaron Zook, Randy Wuerz, Ralph Newman, Sgt. Dale Valovich, SFC Sam Lewis, Maj. Ray Vining, Maj. Rick Windhorn and Allison.

The Living Lord's Supper will be presented at the Bicentennial Chapel Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public.

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# 'Total Tots' looks after children of Army families

BY PAM ROGERS

Imagine that you're a soldier and a single parent who has to be away from home for schooling or hospitalization, and that you have no relatives nearby to look after your children, and no money to pay for round-the-clock child care.

Or imagine that you're a waiting wife with small children and you suddenly become ill, requiring hospitalization. What will you do?

These scenarios are more common than most of us realize. Several military families are faced with such situations every month. It took an Army chaplain who was new to Redstone, working with a community-spirited Army wife, to come up with a solution to the problem of emergency child care.

Chaplain (Capt.) Bill Meyer, who works at the Community Counseling Center, came to Redstone late in 1985 and soon realized there were many junior enlisted families who needed child care on short notice, but who simply could not afford it.

The problem became most apparent when Meyer tried to counsel parents who were experiencing family difficulties. Sometimes they brought their children to counseling sessions because they had no other alternative.

"I want to help people, but I can't help with children around," he said. He knew if he could get a little money he could arrange for child care for families who couldn't afford it.

Meyer went to Pam Stieglitz, who was president of the Officers Wives Club at the time, and asked for \$500. He received the money, as well as Stieglitz's enthusiastic support for the idea. With a budget of \$500 for the first six months, Total Tots began.

Since then, the budget has grown, the program has expanded and has been taken over by Army Community Service, but its mission remains the same: to provide personal, non-judgmental help to families who need short-term child care but can't afford it.

Most of the cases Meyer has handled involved the hospitalization of a family member or family counseling, but Total Tots has also helped get children out of abusive situations.

Even though the program is bigger now, "it's still personal, there's no bureaucracy, and we have provided service within half an hour," Meyer said.

"Our original thought was to give the parents some free time," Stieglitz said.

"It's too bad you can't see the faces of the parents when they know they're getting help," Meyer said.

Total Tots is only concerned with child care on a temporary basis, Meyer emphasized. The program is not licensed to provide faster care. Usually children are cared for by approved family child-care providers who live on post.

"We want to keep military kids in the military com-

munity. We think there's less stress that way. They remain in the same environment, have the same playmates and ride the same school bus," Meyer said.

Individuals and groups have made contributions to Total Tots, and you can designate the organization on your Combined Federal Campaign contribution form. Groups which have contributed to Total Tots include the NCO Wives Club, Officers Wives Club and the chapels on post. If you wish to contribute, call Stieglitz at 830-4462.

If you need the services of Total Tots, get in touch with your first sergeant, your company commander, a chaplain, Fox Army Community Hospital or ACS.



PROGRAM FOUNDERS — Meyer and Stieglitz talk about the progress the Total Tots program has made.

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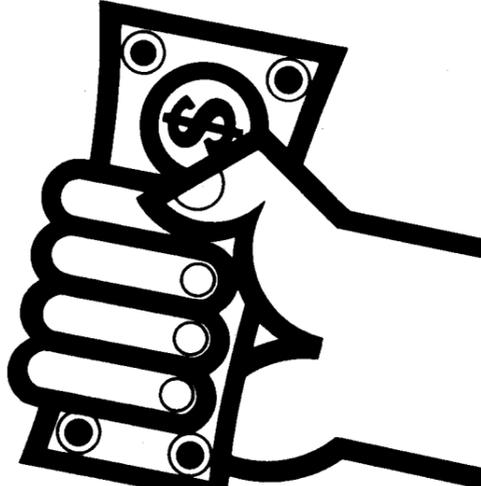
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# Bill Penney

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## Coast Guard offers free boat inspections

It's almost time to put your boat in the water again, but before you do, remember one important thing—a boat safety inspection.

The Redstone Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be giving free Courtesy Motorboat Examinations just about all day March 26, in conjunction with the Yacht Club's annual clean-up day.

All you have to do is bring your boat to one of the designated locations, and inspectors will check the safety equipment on your boat. Items inspected include personal flotation devices, fire extinguishers, distress flares, galley stoves, permanently installed fuel tanks, fuel tank vents and fill pipes, portable and spare fuel containers, carburetor drip pans, backfire flame controls, whistles or sound-producing devices, ventilation, electrical wiring, anchors and anchor lines and paddles. The general condition of boats will also be checked.

Col. Freddie Smith, commodore of the Redstone Yacht Club, said the club cooperates with the flotilla in attempting to have as many boats as possible inspected.

"The club is safety conscious. We stress safety on the river. Having that (decal denoting a boat has passed the inspection) on your boat is an advantage. The marine police do spot checks, and if they see that decal, they won't stop you," he said.

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INSPECTION—Bill Breeding (left) vessel examining officer for the Redstone Flotilla, inspects the life jackets on Col. Freddie Smith's boat.

## Education Center sets financial aid workshop

Money is tight throughout today's Army, and because of budget cuts, many soldiers may not have the opportunities they once had to get a college education.

Many posts have completely run out of money for tuition assistance, according to Hayward Eason, a guidance counselor at Redstone's Army Education Center.

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That's why the Education Center is sponsoring a Financial Aid Workshop.

"We'll have financial aid experts from the North Alabama Educational Opportunity Center who will provide information on various financial programs the soldiers could qualify for," Eason said.

Attendees will also receive step-by-step instructions on how to fill out financial aid applications.

The workshop will be held Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Toftoy Hall Auditorium; a few flyers with the time incorrectly listed have been distributed. The workshop is open to anyone who lives or works on Redstone Arsenal, and their families, Eason said. For more information, call 876-9761.

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Tuesday's Conference		
	Won	Lost
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C Company 73rd-1	516.5	108.5
HHC-3	457	168
C Company 73rd-2	383	242
MEDDAC-1	361	264
Marines-2	335	290
D Company 832nd-1	328.5	296.5
MEDDAC-2	280.5	344.5
TMDE/95th	248.5	376.6
291st MPs	219.5	405.5
A Company 73rd-2	206	419
A Company 73rd-3	183	442
SSO, RDS	172.5	452.5
C Company 832nd	112	513

**200 games bowled on March 15:**

Cliff Ferby (C Company 73rd-1)	211
Danny Berardi (HHC-1)	210
Dale Meskimen (HHC-3)	203
Chuck Gensel (A Company 73rd-3)	202
Chuck Temean (C Company 73rd-1)	202

Thursday's Conference		
	Won	Lost
B Company 73rd-1	494	131
A Company E&TTD	490	135
Marines-1	466	159
HHC-2	403	222
B Company 73rd-2	340.5	284.5
HHC-4	336	289
A Company 73rd-1	317.5	307.5
B Company SAD	316.5	308.5
B Company EOD	283.5	341.5
515th-1	222	403
D Company 832nd-2	207.5	417.5
B Company 832nd	181	444
HHD	145	480
515th-2	142	483

**200 games bowled on March 17:**

Dan Harris (HHC-2)	211
Ernie Kurotobi (Marines-1)	205
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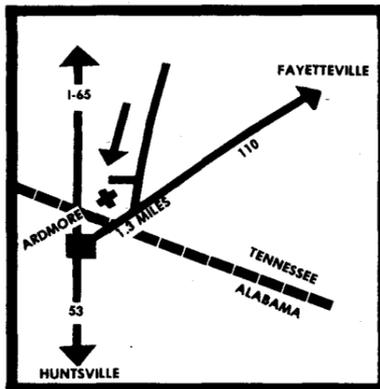
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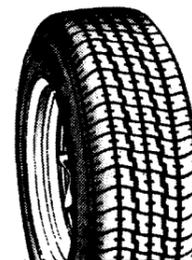
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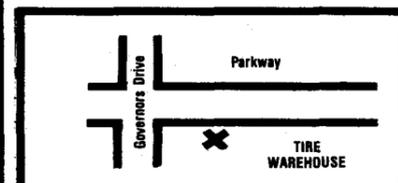
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# Adoptive parents have a local support group

BY SKIP VAUGHN

People interested in adoption have a group that provides information and moral support.

It's called Alabama Friends of Adoption. The main group is located in Birmingham, with satellite groups in more than a half dozen other locations including Huntsville.

"We're a support group for prospective adoptive parents, for adoptive parents, foster care parents, anybody that's involved in adoption or interested in adoption," said SSgt. Jim Holt, a soldier here who is president of the Huntsville group.

It keeps in contact with the Alabama Department of Human Resources and with Catholic Family Services for the latest adoption information. The group also has resource books listing children available for placement from other states such as Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Missouri and North Carolina.

"Most of the children in these resource books are what we call special needs children," Holt said. These children are considered hard to place for one reason or another—a medical problem, race, age, or groups of siblings.

The group has a "dream book" that features pictures and brief histories about families that have adopted children. The idea is to help prospective adoptive parents cope with the waiting period before they receive a child. "This gives the couple that's waiting for a child something to look at to see that dreams do come true, because all of our dreams have come true through the adoption of children," Holt said.

"Adoption is a whole different world than having your own children," he said. He explained that adoptive families have to work through the problems the children might have encountered in a previous environment or medical conditions that were not dealt with.

"Our group supports adopted children by bringing them together," Holt said. "It gives them a sense of belonging, it gives them a sense of normality. They

don't feel that they're different from everybody else. Adoption doesn't make anybody less of a person. In fact, it makes them special because that family has chosen them to be part of their family."

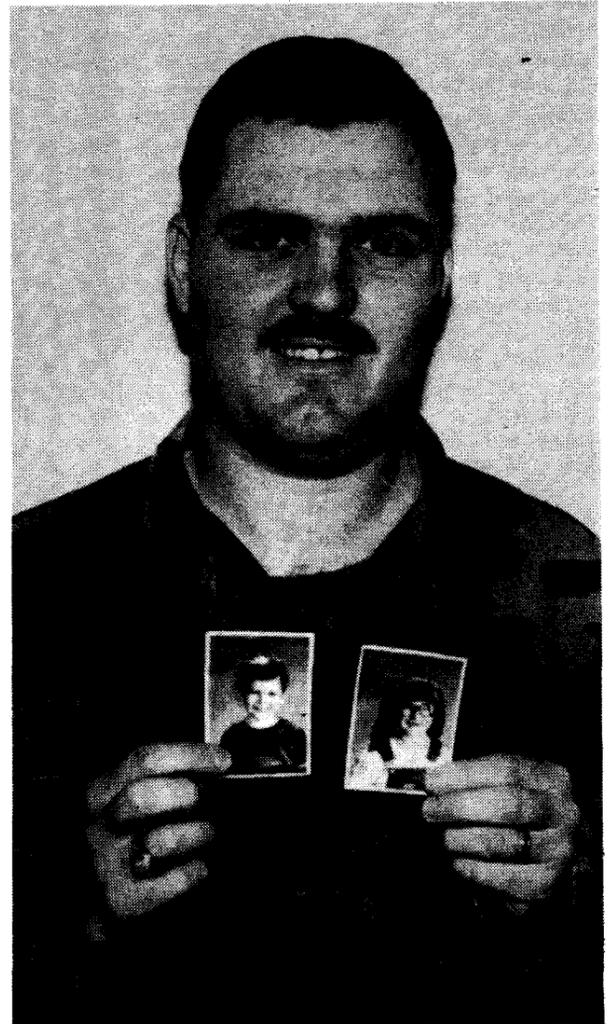
The Huntsville group consists of 76 families in the Tennessee Valley. Members range from a single adoptive parent, people who have adopted children from overseas, people who have adopted through Catholic Family Services or Department of Human Resources, and those who have adopted children independently rather than through an agency.

Holt, 33, has been involved with the group for about two years and became president in January. He is an instructor at the hazardous devices school and a member of B Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion. He and his wife Paula decided to adopt because she cannot have children due to a heart condition. They adopted a 5-year-old boy, Johnny, and Johnny's 7-year-old sister, Misty.

"The group is important because people don't really understand the process of adoption," Holt said. "That's what we're here for. We're trying to make available exactly how you go about it."

"It's to get rid of all the myths, the stigmas about adoption," he added, about the group that began in 1979. "Also it's to let people know there are a number of good children out there who need a home and are looking for somebody to care for them and to love them. And it gives the adoptive children a group they can feel comfortable or normal in."

The local Alabama Friends of Adoption group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 307 Gates Ave. (near the county courthouse and at the corner of Gates and Lincoln). "And everyone's welcome," Holt added. For information call Holt 837-9151; Mike Fitzgerald, vice president, 859-5523; or Linda Knies, membership chairman, 881-2244. The group's address is P.O. Box 1453, Huntsville 35807.



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# Army plans to check buildings for presence of radon

WASHINGTON— The "sleeping giant" health hazard called radon — a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can reach unsafe levels in certain residences and offices — has Army officials responding to the call for assessing and lessening the hazard Army-wide.

Their response, said Col. Robert J. Fitz, consists of a recently developed policy and program at Army headquarters. Fitz serves on the staff of the assistant secretary of the Army for installations and logistics, where he will monitor the multiphase program scheduled to begin this spring.

Other Army agencies taking part in the program include the Army Medical Department and the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

On the medical side, officials will assess the health hazards posed by exposure to radon. They also will provide oversight and medical control of the initial phase of the program — i.e., the measurement of existing radon levels, if any, in Army buildings. Finally, using health-risk criteria they have developed, the

medical department will assist the engineers in setting priorities for reducing excessive levels of radon that might be discovered.

The mitigation (reduction) side of the program, Fitz explained, is to be run by the engineers. Their initial tasks will include assisting the medical department in measuring radon in buildings, and developing specific methods toward arriving at acceptable levels in various types of construction. They also will develop training for persons assigned to operate radon detectors at installation level. Besides budgeting for the measurement of radon levels in structures and undertaking steps to lessen exposure levels, the engineers also will monitor installation progress toward those ends.

The role of the major Army commands includes assuring that their installations begin carrying out the program's requirements. Fitz said this includes reporting annually on their installations' progress. He added that detailed operational and training guidance will soon be on the way to those installation authorities charged with carrying out the new program.

Assessing the radon problem centers on the use of radon detectors. To provide that service, the Army is arranging for a central contract, to be managed by the U.S. Army Engineering and Housing Support Center in Washington. Installations will be required to pay for services drawn from the contract, Fitz said, adding that the contractor services include supply of "Alpha track" detectors and analytical support.

The program establishes three areas of priority for determining the presence of radon:

- Day-care centers, hospitals, schools and living areas (i.e., quarters, BOQ/BEQ sites and billets).
- Areas having 24-hour operations (i.e., operations centers, training facilities and research-development-test-evaluation facilities).
- All other facilities.

Fitz explained the detection process as follows:

- Each building will be screened initially for 90 days by use of an Alpha track detector located in the lowest living area. Ideally, such screening should take (See Radon, cont'd on page 11)



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## Radon

(Cont'd from page 9)

place during periods of building closure — i.e., during the heating or cooling seasons.

- Buildings with an initial radon reading exceeding 20 picocuries per liter of air will not be scheduled for long-term measurement, but will be remedied according to a predetermined schedule.

- Buildings having an initial measurement between 4 — 20 pCi/l will undergo long-term measurement (12 months). In this case, two detectors will be used — one in the basement and one in the lowest living area.

When unacceptably high levels are detected, the mitigation plan will come into play, as follows:

- Use the structure's highest reading to determine the proper degree of mitigation.

- Follow the predetermined remedial-action schedules, as based on estimated annual radon levels in the following categories:

Greater than 200 pCi/l—If remedial action cannot reduce radon levels within one month, occupants will be relocated to a less hazardous living environment.

Between 20—200pCi/l—Remedial action will be taken within 6 months.

Between 8—20pCi/l—Remedial action will be taken within 1 to 4 years, depending on the level of measurement.

Between 4—8pCi/l—Remedial action will be taken within 5 years.

Fitz pointed out that leased buildings will be included in the radon measurement but that remedial action would remain the responsibility of the owner.

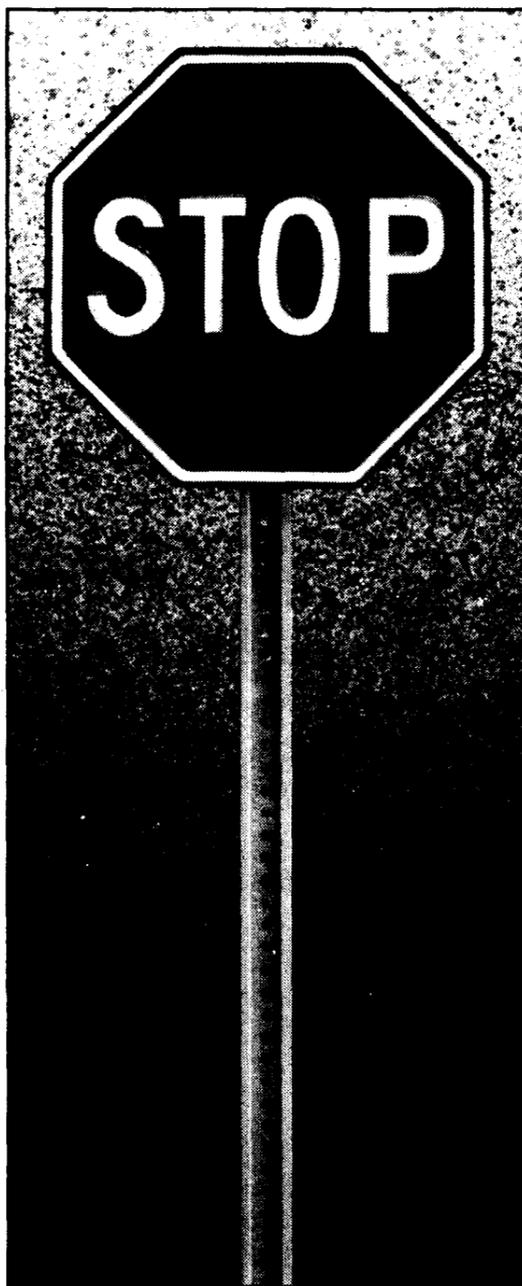
Buildings that undergo remedy will be remeasured to assure that radon levels do not exceed 4 pCi/l, he added. In the case of privately owned buildings, their residents may seek support from local health officials. Newly constructed buildings will be measured for radon levels and will be remedied depending on the degree of exposure, Fitz said.

He explained that such administrative details as data base management, MACOM progress reporting, medical monitoring for radiation protection, and technical assistance from environmental hygiene officials and engineer officials are being coordinated with the affected parties.

"By the end of fiscal year 1991, we should have all the measurements completed," Fitz said.

He stressed that the Army's radon detection-mitigation program reflects the larger issue of radon exposure nationwide. "This isn't an Army installation unique matter. Medical evidence gathered thus far shows that exposure to excessive levels of radon poses a long-term (but not acute) health risk, akin to smoking cigarettes. The program's thrust is to determine if we have a problem in Army-owned or Army-controlled buildings.

"We also know that excessive radon levels tend to show up in a regionalized fashion. So we anticipate that some installations may have no radon problem at all." (Arnews)



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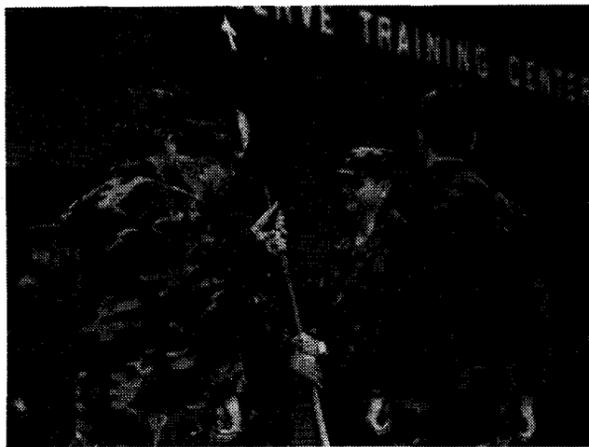
A Redstone worker who is a colonel in the Army Reserve has assumed command of a unit in Chattanooga.

Chalmer "Chad" George now commands the 3397th U.S. Army Garrison in Chattanooga. At Redstone, George is chief of the integrated logistics support force modernization branch in the TMDE Support Group.

Before assuming command of the 3397th on March 12, George served as deputy chief of staff for resource management with the 125th Army Reserve Command in Nashville.

He is a graduate of the University of Alabama. He and his wife Sara and their daughters Lisa, 21, and Meridith, 12, live in Huntsville.

The former commander, Col. William C. Waldrup, had led the 3397th since September 1985. Waldrup plans to enter the Individual Ready Reserve in order to concentrate on business concerns.



**TAKING COMMAND**—George, at right, accepts the 3397th's guidon from Maj. Gen. Dennis Jones, commander of 125th Army Reserve Command.

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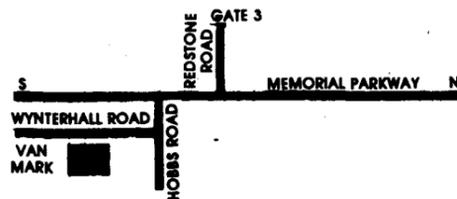
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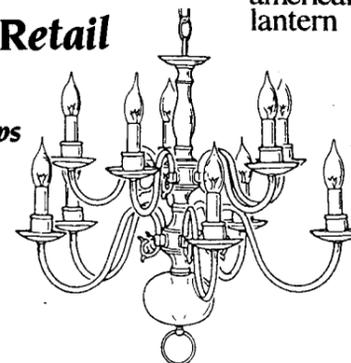
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# CWF league decides its tournament champs tonight

They say a tie is like kissing your sister, but a co-championship can't be all bad.

The 76ers and MSID finished the Civilian Welfare Fund regular season tied for first with identical 15-1 records. The basketball league's tournament games continued this week.

In final regular season results, the 76ers whipped CPO 136-114, TMDE beat Product Assurance 52-44, MSL-2 team clobbered COE 89-51, the Stars pounded

P&P-1 team 120-61, MSIC-1 team won by forfeit over the Celtics, and MSID won by forfeit over Servicemaster.

The game between the 76ers and CPO matched the league's top two scorers: Lorenzo Jones of CPO and Clyde Hobbs of the Sixers. Jones scored 41 while Hobbs scored 57. Jones finished as the No. 1 scorer for the season with a 42.6 average while Hobbs averaged 38, but Hobbs' Sixers won the game.

Hobbs had help from James Stevens with 34 and Cleveland Billups 17. Besides Jones, CPO was led by Bobby Lightner and Roger Watson who each scored 22.

Steve Burgess pumped in 24 and Greg Rigney 17 to pace TMDE past Product Assurance. Norman Zeigler scored 13 for the losers.

Risalah Muhammad hit for 24, Dave Fortune 20 and Artro Whitman 17 as MSL-2 beat COE. Sked Askew and Al Love scored 12 apiece for COE.

Avery Gibson poured in 36, Calvin Parker 31 and Wayne Gore 22 to shoot the Stars over P&P-1. Demetrius Howard and Anthony Grayson each scored 17 for P&P-1.

The top eight teams in the regular season moved on

to compete in the A Division tournament while the bottom eight wound up in the B Division tourney. Both tournaments are single-elimination (meaning you're out if you lose one game).

In the A Division tournament, the 76ers outscored Servicemaster 126-102, Reproduction ripped MSIC-1 team 117-77, P&P-2 team outshot the Stars 86-83, and MSID beat the Celtics 104-90. The semifinals (played March 21) matched the Sixers against Reproduction, and P&P-2 against MSID. The third place game was set for 5:15 this evening, with the championship at 8:15.

In B Division, CPO pounded Product Assurance 125-80, P&P-1 team trounced TMDE 86-62, the Untouchables nipped COE 82-80, and MSL-2 team mashed MSIC-2 team 61-30. The semifinals matched CPO against P&P-1, and the Untouchables against MSL-2. The third place game was slated for 6:15 this evening, and the championship at 7:15.

Final season standings: 76ers, 15-1; MSID (co-champs), 15-1; P&P-2, 14-2; Reproduction, 13-3; MSIC-1, 11-5; Stars, 11-5; Celtics, 10-6; Servicemaster, 9-7; CPO, 9-7; MSL-2, 7-9; Untouchables, 7-9; P&P-1, 5-11; TMDE, 4-12; COE, 3-13; MSIC-2, 3-13; and Product Assurance, 2-14.

Top scorers, their team and average: Lorenzo Jones, CPO, 42.6; Clyde Hobbs, 76ers, 38; Leonard Gurley, MSID, 35.2; Don Davis, Servicemaster, 35.1; Avery Gibson, Stars, 35; James Stevens, 76ers, 31.3; Bobby Lightner, CPO, 28.8; John Petty, MSID, 27.7; Tommy High, MSID, 25.9; Neal Todd, Celtics, 25.8; Derrick Lewis, 76ers, 23.3; Joe Carter, P&P-2, 21.8; Don Carver, MSIC-1, 21.9; Terry Nance, Reproduction, 20.8; and Artro Whitman, MSL-2, 20.7.

All-stars, their position and team: Clyde Hobbs, guard, 76ers; Leonard Gurley, guard, MSID; Avery Gibson, center, Stars; Lorenzo Jones, forward, CPO; and Tommy High, forward, MSID. Second team all-stars: Wayne Gore, guard, Stars; Cleveland Billups, guard, 76ers; Don Davis, center, Servicemaster; Bobby Lightner, forward, CPO; John Petty, forward, MSID; Don Carver, guard, MSIC-1; and Neal Todd, forward, Celtics.

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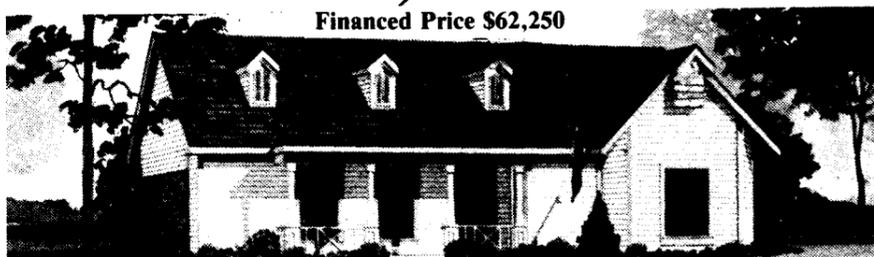
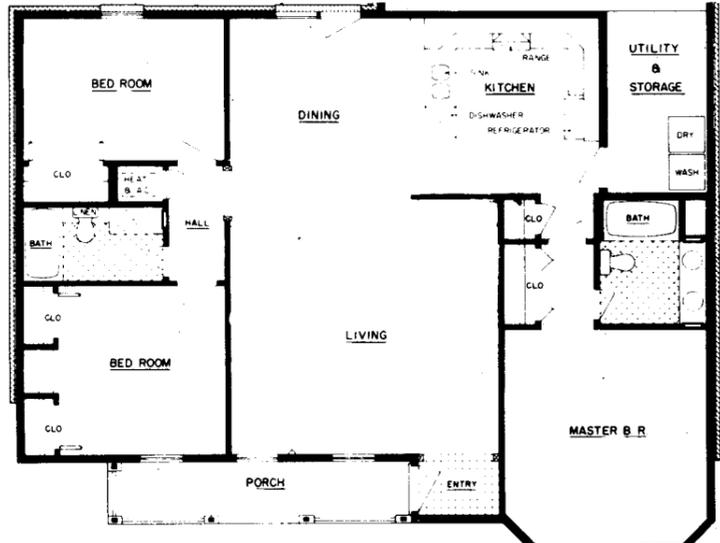
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# Send a friend to 'jail' to raise money for AER

BY RUTH MECHAM

Someone you work with gets on your nerves. Thoughts rush through your mind on a way to get even, a way to play a joke on them for all the jokes they have played on you. Now you'll be able to have them served with an "arrest warrant" and taken off to jail—all in the name of charity.

A committee has come up with this idea to raise funds for Army Emergency Relief, and preparations are under way with the support of the military police.

"It's simple, we want to raise money for AER and this will be a fun way," said 2nd Lt. Lewis Kent, 1988 fund-raising campaign officer.

"The day chosen for the event is none other than April 1, 'April Fools Day' which we feel is only appropriate," he said with a laugh.

Any unit or organization may collect money as a group to have someone arrested. Any individual can have another person arrested. The amount of the warrants range from \$1 to \$200 and over. All warrants and money must be turned in to building 112, SFC Ferlis LeBlanc not later than March 29.

All individuals who have been issued warrants must go directly to "jail" which will be located in the Post Exchange shopping area. "They may not pass go or collect \$200," Kent quipped. Once in jail, the person

will be given the opportunity to post bail or serve a sentence. Time in jail will range from 10 minutes to two hours; no one will be held longer than two hours, according to Kent.

"The intent is fun and it is designed to raise money for AER and that is what we hope will come from the event," he said.

Kent will be acting as circuit court judge for the purpose of giving pardons and rescheduling lockups. "That way if a person is needed in a meeting or something important they will have the opportunity to postpone their sentence," he said. His phone number is 876-5093.

## Provost marshal office lists law enforcement actions

Provost marshal office has provided a summation of law enforcement and judicial proceedings for the Redstone Arsenal community for February.

The following were sentenced for driving under the influence:

Wilma D. Blankenship of P.O. Box 142, Falkville, Ala.; David L. Fletcher of 4005 Eunice Drive, Huntsville; Donald L. Krueger of 2104 Port Royal Drive, Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; PFC Walter H. Reed of C Company, 73rd Ordnance; Robert J. Snyder Jr. of 1300 Fordam Court, Bel Air, Md.; Thomas S. Trejo of 3208 Apt. 5W Heimer, Huntsville; Ivan B. Wallace of 4422 Torrance Drive, Huntsville; and Gregory K. Adams of 908 Stevens Court, Huntsville.

Blankenship and Adams were each fined \$250, given six months probation and ordered to attend highway intoxilyzer school. Fletcher was fined \$500, given six months probation and required to attend highway intoxilyzer school. Krueger and Reed were each fined \$350, given six months probation and ordered to attend highway intoxilyzer school. Snyder, Trejo and Wallace were each fined \$500 and given 12 months probation. Also, Snyder was ordered to attend highway intoxilyzer school; Trejo was given three days incarceration; and Wallace was given two days incarceration.

Each person sentenced for DUI was also required to contribute \$25 to the Victim's Restitution Fund.

Linda J. Kewatt of 2329 Cardinal Ave., Huntsville, was sentenced for shoplifting; she was given six months probation and had her Post Exchange privileges suspended by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Military police issued 377 citations, including 319 for speeding and the remainder for driving without valid licenses and other violations. In addition, 143 other citations were issued utilizing administrative forms; and about half of these were for speeding.

According to the provost marshal office, actions taken by commanders included:

- Yvonne A. Greathouse of 3222 Greenhill Drive, Huntsville, administrative action for "wrongful possession and use of cocaine and marijuana"; bar letter issued by post commander.

- Anna M. Granberry of 1431-A Nike St., Redstone, administrative action for "disorderly conduct/assault"; warning letter issued by deputy post commander.

- Robert L. Kelly of 1431-A Nike St., Redstone, administrative action for "communicating a threat/disorderly conduct"; warning letter issued by deputy post commander.

- Veler Halton of 231-A Niblo Drive, Redstone, administrative action for "aggravated assault"; warning letter issued by deputy post commander.

- Dwight A. Harris of 4213 Apt. A Patton Road, Huntsville, administrative action for "communicating a threat"; warning letter issued by deputy post commander.

- Troy A. Noll of 215-B Dyer Circle, Redstone, administrative action for "communicating a threat/disorderly conduct"; bar letter issued by post commander.

- Anthony O. Holliman of 1256-B Nike St., Redstone, ad-

ministrative action for "receiving stolen property"; warning letter issued by deputy post commander.

- Barbara A. Hall of 1431-D Nike St., Redstone, administrative action for "disorderly conduct/assault"; warning letter issued by deputy post commander.

- Michael L. Hall of 1319-B Jupiter St., Redstone, administrative action for "larceny of private property"; warning letter issued by deputy post commander.

- Pvt. Pablo Maldonado of 8th Student Company, non-judicial action for "assault/drunken & disorderly/provoking speech & gestures"; fined \$141, given 14 days extra duty and restriction.

- PFC Derrick A. Lewis of HHD, 832nd Ordnance, administrative action for "assault/destruction of government property/drunken and disorderly"; discharged from service.

- SFC Harold L. Flakes of D Company, 832nd Ordnance, administrative action for "assault"; letter of reprimand and released from Drill Sergeant Program.

- SFC Jimmie C. Stavely of HHC, MICOM, administrative action for "adultery/ weapons violation"; bar to re-enlistment and suspension of security clearance.

## Youth soccer

Here are the standings for Redstone Arsenal's Region 388 of the American Youth Soccer Organization as of March 19:

Eisenhower League (under 10)				
	Won	Lost	Tie	Points
Sharpshooters	3	0	0	6
Dinosaurs	0	3	0	0

Bradley League (under 12)				
	Won	Lost	Tie	Points
Strike Force	1	0	2	4
Reds	2	1	1	5
Bandits	0	3	1	1

MacArthur League (under 14)				
	Won	Lost	Tie	Points
Cosmos	1	1	1	3
Scorpions	1	2	0	2

Pershing League (under 16)				
	Won	Lost	Tie	Points
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# Army cracks down on starched battle dress uniform

The Army has begun taking stronger action to stop a practice among soldiers which not only violates Army regulations, but could also place soldiers in personal danger.

The practice is that of starching the battle dress uniform. By having BDUs treated with starch or sizing, a soldier impairs the infrared non-reflective finish of the cloth, and sets an unofficial standard, according to Sgt. Maj. Douglas Mabry, acting command sergeant major for the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Commanders, sergeants major and first sergeants have all been instructed to identify soldiers who have starched BDUs and order them to have the starch removed, Mabry said. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has been instructed to no longer allow starching of BDUs by its laundry concessionaires.

Guidance about the maintenance of BDUs has changed since the uniforms were first issued.

"At first they were not even to be ironed, but that presented an unkempt appearance, so it was decided

that ironing was not that detrimental," Mabry said. That led to the present guidance: iron, but no starch.

Mabry emphasized that soldiers who have their BDUs starched will be wasting money, not because starching costs that much more, but because they'll have to pay to have the uniforms re-laundered.

"It'll be money wasted (starching uniforms) because they'll have to turn around and wash it out," he said.

He also pointed out that there's nothing to stop soldiers from taking their uniforms to laundries downtown to have them starched. He's counting on the chain of command and the personal integrity of individual soldiers to correct the problem.

# Aviation branch seeks honorees

WASHINGTON— Aviation branch officials are looking for nominations for honorary colonel, sergeant major, and distinguished members for aviation regiments at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Honorary nominees, if selected, will represent the 1st Battalion of the 10th, 13th and 145th Aviation Regiments of the 1st Aviation Brigade and the 1st Battalion of the 14th, 212th and the 223rd Aviation Regiments of the Aviation Training Brigade.

For more information on the criteria for nomination, contact Capt. Michael Mudd at (205) 255-2717 or 255-5696 or write: Attention: Brigade Adjutant, (Capt. Mudd) HHC-ATB, Fort Rucker, Ala. 36362.

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# Announcements

## Officers Club

The Officers Club will discontinue Sunday Brunch after March 27 due to "lack of patronage," according to the Directorate of Community and Family Activities. Special occasion brunch such as Easter and Mother's Day will continue.

## Bowling tournament

A bowling tournament to benefit Army Emergency Relief will be held March 26 and 27 at Redstone Lanes. Starting times are 1 and 3:30 p.m. on both days with an additional flight at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 26 if needed. All Redstone Arsenal employees, active duty, retired, and family members are eligible to participate. Entry fee is \$7. For more information call the Redstone Lanes 876-6634 or SFC Gary Miller, the tournament director, 876-9701.

## Women's conference

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women has joined with 28 other local women's organizations in co-sponsoring the first annual Tennessee Valley Women's Conference on March 26 at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. The conference theme is "Reclaiming our past, Rewriting our future." Workshops are planned and Rose Mary Sanders of Selma, the first black female judge in Alabama, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address. For more information about the conference, call Jane Armstrong 876-2281 or Barbara Lucero 881-1578.

## Federal women

North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will have a networking meeting on March 25 from 4:15 p.m. until, at Chi Chi's in Madison Square. Members and visitors are invited to attend.

## Supply management careerists

The next Army Supply Management Civilian Career Program ad hoc screening panel will convene June 28-30 in Alexandria, Va., for employees eligible for referral to GS/GM-13 through GM-15. These ad hoc panels are in lieu of annual panels. Initial submissions and add-ons can be exercised at the ad hoc panels, but careerists who are satisfied with their panel element ratings are not required to take any action. Send original plus five copies of Career Appraisals (SKAPS) to AMSMI-LC-MM, Willena Richardson, building 5681, by May 6. For forms or more information, call Richardson 876-1531/1411.

## Preretirement orientation

The next scheduled preretirement orientation for military personnel with more than 18 years of active federal service will be conducted in the Recreation Center, building 3711, from 8-11:30 a.m. April 8. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The preretirement orientation is mandatory for personnel in their 18th year of service and every third year thereafter until retirement. For more information, call L.F. Spencer 876-2022.

## Chapel events

Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet at 9:30 a.m. March 24 at Bicentennial Chapel; the program will be presented by Bonnie Pearson and the subject is death and dying; child care is available for those who need it. *The Post-wide Easter Egg Hunt* for military children, ages 3 through grade three, will be held at 10 a.m. March 26 outside behind Bicentennial Chapel. Each child should bring three colored, hard-boiled eggs and a bag or basket. The egg hunt will be done in age groups. In case of rain, the event will be canceled and not rescheduled.

## Recreation center

Tonight—*Hearts* at 7. Thursday—*Bingo* at 7. Friday—*Ping Pong* at 7. Saturday—*Pizza* at 3. Sunday—*Monopoly* at 3. Monday—*Trivia Quiz* at 7. Tuesday—*Pool tourney* at 7.

## ADPA meeting

Tennessee Valley Chapter of American Defense Preparedness Association will have a dinner meeting Tuesday, March 29 at the Officers Club. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30. Scheduled speaker is Col. Ralph Hallenbeck, chief of Army plans and policy division at the Pentagon and the primary Army contact for the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. His subject is to be "The INF Treaty and its Impact on the Army." Dinner is \$12.50 per person. Reservations for individuals or corporate tables (eight persons) must be made prior to March 25. Call Virginia Medlock of Raytheon Company 533-6637.

## Post Exchange

Starting April 1, deferred payment plan payments will be made at the Military Clothing Sales Store department at the Main Store, building 3220. Operating hours for the MCSS department are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The military clothing sales store is open until 9 p.m. on military paydays.

## MICOM Picnic

The Research, Development and Engineering Center is sponsoring this year's MICOM Picnic ("a family affair"). The picnic is scheduled June 18 at the civilian recreation area. The chairman is Chuck Martin, in Systems Simulation Directorate. His phone number is 876-7502

## Crime victims

The Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission is a state agency that helps people who have become victims of crime. Not only can it help with medical bills, counseling costs, lost wages, and other costs directly related to the crime, it is also the state agency designated to help improve the rights of crime victims within the criminal justice system. For more information call 1-800-541-9388 or write P.O. Box 1283, Montgomery, Ala. 36104.

## Vietnam veterans

Vietnam Veterans of America will have its annual general membership meeting at 7 p.m. April 5 at the Huntsville Marriott. This will include election of new officers. All interested Vietnam era veterans are asked to attend. For more information, call 876-1541 or 852-0520.

## UNCF banquet

The 10th anniversary United Negro College Fund banquet will be held at 7 p.m. March 31 in the north hall of the Von Braun Civic Center. Special guests at this year's banquet include Freda Payne, an actress and singer; Kevin Dobson, an actor on the "Knotts Landing" television series; and current Miss America Kaye Lani Rafko. This event benefits UNCF's more than 40 historically black colleges. The ticket fee is a tax-deductible donation of \$35 per person. For more information call Emmett Florence 852-8314 (home) or 876-7222/7223.

## TOPS

TOPS Alabama chapter 240 meets every Thursday night at Fox Army Community Hospital. Weigh-in is from 5:15-6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:15-7 p.m. For more information about the program, call Linda at 830-0247 or Tricia 837-6373.

## Found property

A home computer with related accessories has been found. To identify and claim it, contact the Provost Marshal's Office, Investigations Branch, building 3649 (phone 876-2090/3449).

## HHC physical fitness

HHC MICOM semi-annual APFT (Army Physical Fitness Test) will be held in April at the football field on Patton Road adjacent to "tin city" at the following dates and times: April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 at 7 a.m., and April 12 and 14 at 4 p.m. Personnel with profiles and over-40 clearances should check with the company to ensure that the documents are on file; those without over-40 clearances will not be given the opportunity to test. Weigh-ins will be conducted at the PT field prior to the test (no weight allowance for clothing). The company master fitness trainer is conducting APFT conditioning during morning PT and all HHC personnel who wish to get in shape for the upcoming APFT should meet behind building 3434 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:55 a.m. For more information, call SSgt. White or 1st Lt. Hall 876-4850/5710.

## Research Park Toastmasters

The Research Park Toastmasters meet every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Corps of Engineers conference room, 1A 2000A in the SDC building in Research Park. For more information call 895-5765.

## AG Corps picnic

The Personnel and Training Directorate of the Military Personnel Office will host a picnic in observance of the 201st birthday of the Adjutant General Corps June 17 adjacent to building 3710. All military and civilian employees and family members associated with the AG corps are invited. There will be more information provided as plans develop.

## Huntsville L5 Society

The Huntsville L5 Society will sponsor a lecture on Astronautics and Army space activities tonight at 8 p.m. in the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium. Scheduled speaker is Brig. Gen. Robert Stewart, deputy commander of the Strategic Defense Command. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call Greg Allison 837-6837.

## Top graduates

The following service members received honor or distinguished graduate awards for the highest academic class standing in OM-MCS courses which graduated during the week of March 7-11: PFC Steven G. Kautz, distinguished, Pvt. James D. Kent and Pvt. Thomas A. Mitchell, honor, Tow/Dragon repairer; Pvt. Fred W. Causley, distinguished, Pvt. Scott J. Aldrige, Pvt. Steven M. Braslaw, Pvt. Anthony E. Hayes, Pvt. Michael W. Jarrell, Pvt. Michael J.L. Mongrain, Pvt. Christopher L. Peterson and PFC Jarrett D. Yount, honor, ammunition specialist; SSgt. Ingo Peine, distinguished, SSgt. Adolf Hasenoehrl, honor, Improved Hawk Continuous Wave Radar repair; Sarah Fahey, distinguished, Rick Harley, honor, Chaparral/Redeye repairer; and Sp4 Howard G. Swan, distinguished, BFV5 Tow/Dragon repairer.

## Dart club

The Rocket City Dart Association will hold a general membership and new member meeting March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Anyone interested in playing league darts is welcome to attend. For more information call Beth Orebaugh 881-3603 after 5 p.m.

## Post theater

Here's the theater schedule. March 26 and 27, *Moonstruck*, rated PG, 103 minutes; March 29, *The Running Man*, rated R, 100 minutes; March 31 and April 1, *The Serpent and the Rainbow*, rated R, 98 minutes; April 2 and 3, *Action Jackson*, rated R, 98 minutes; April 5, *Throw Mama from the Train*, rated PG-13, 88 minutes; April 7, *Fatal Beauty*, rated R, 104 minutes; April 8, *Empire of the Sun*, rated PG, 152 minutes.

## Bass tournament

The North Alabama Military Bass Anglers Association is hosting an open bass tournament April 2 to benefit the Army Emergency Relief campaign. The tournament is open to anyone interested in fishing. There will be a meeting to explain the tournament March 30 at the NCO Club at 7 p.m. The tournament will begin at 6 a.m., and weigh-in will be at 3 p.m.

## Valley Toastmasters

The Tennessee Valley Toastmasters Club meets every first and third Thursday from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Jim Harbin 859-3968.

## Education center

Under Public Law 96-342, Congress directed the Defense Department to conduct a test in fiscal 1981 to measure the effectiveness of various educational benefit programs. The "mini GI Bill," known as the 901 program, was a test program which provided an education stipend based upon the months of active duty. The 901 program provided the soldier an option to cashout the benefits for 60 percent of their value. The last soldiers to enter the Army under this program entered active duty on Sept. 30, 1982. Effective June 30, 1988, a claim for cashout of 901 benefits will not be processed and will be returned to originator. An open season has now been declared for all 901 eligibles to request cashout of their benefits. Soldiers should review their VA contracts for eligibility. For cashout assistance, stop by the Education Center, building 3222.

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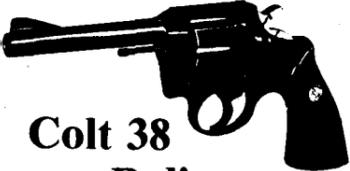
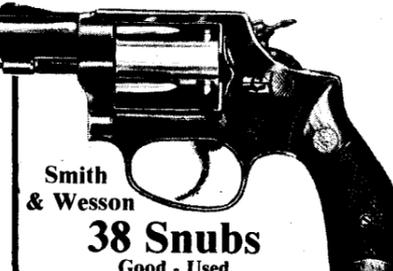
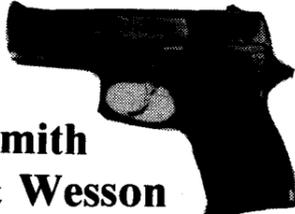
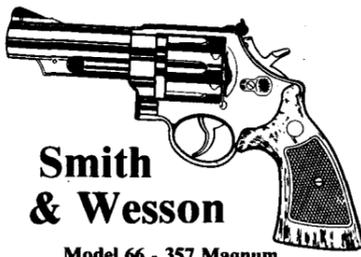
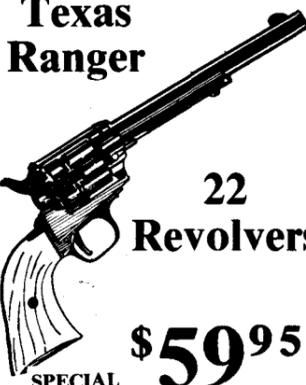
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### — TRUCKS —

**1986 TOYOTA TRUCK** Blue, 4 Speed, Air, SWB, Sport Stripe Package, Only 19,000 Miles, Stock Number 9058.

**1986 TOYOTA TRUCK** White, Automatic, Power Steering & Brakes, SWB, Cloth Interior, Sliding Rear Window, Only 22,000 Miles, Stock Number 9057.

**1987 CHEVROLET S-10 TRUCK** Black, SWB, 5 Speed, Air, Stereo Tape, Tinted Windows, Chrome Wheels, Sharp, 14,000 Miles, Stock Number 8327-1

**1987 TOYOTA HILUX TRUCK** Beige, 4 Speed, Bed Liner, AM/FM Stereo Cassette, Pen Stripes, Only 9,000 Miles, Stock Number 7779-2.

**1987 DODGE D-50 TRUCK** Charcoal, 5 Speed, Air, Cassette Deck, 19,000 Miles, Chrome Wheels, White Letter Tires, Running Boards, Bed Rails, Sport Mirrors, Stock Number 8018-2.

**1986 TOYOTA TRUCK 4x4** Red, Automatic, E.F. Injection, Cloth Interior, Sport Mirrors, Tilt, Air, Power Steering & Brakes, Stereo Cassette, Nice, Stock Number 8202-1.

**1986 TOYOTA TRUCK 4x4** Charcoal, X-Tra Cab, 5 Speed, Cloth Interior, Power Steering & Brakes, Stereo, Bed Liner, Sport Striping, Sharp, Stock Number 9718.

**1984 TOYOTA TRUCK SR5 4x4** Beige, 5 Speed, Air, Power Steering & Brakes, Stereo Cassette, Tilt, Sliding Rear Window, New Tires & Wheels, Sharp, Stock Number 9014.

**1986 NISSAN TRUCK** White, 5 Speed, Cloth Interior, AM/FM Cassette, New Radial White Letter Tires, Sport Stripes, Stock Number 9064.

**1986 NISSAN TRUCK** Bronze, Air, 5 Speed, SWB, Sport Stripes, Cloth Interior, Nice Truck, Stock Number 9063.

**1988 JEEP COMMANCHE TRUCK** Red, SWB, 4 Cylinder, 4 Speed, Stereo Tape, 10,000 Miles, Bed Liner, Sport Stripes, Stock Number 8255-1.

**1983 FORD RANGER XLT** Red, Sport Mirrors, 40,000 Miles, One Owner, Automatic, Stereo, Stock Number 9030-1.

**1983 SUBARU BRAT 4x4** Maroon, 4 Speed, 50,000 Miles, T-Tops, Air, Stock Number 3453-1.

**1985 DODGE D-100 TRUCK** Blue, 31,000 Miles, AM/FM Stereo Tape, Camper top, 3 Speed, Stock Number 8523-1.

### — CARS —

**1986 TOYOTA MR-2** Black, Five Speed, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Cassette, Sunroof, Flares & Fin, 30,000 Miles, Stock Number 9508.

**1986 TOYOTA MR-2** Red, Five Speed, Tilt, Cruise, Stereo Cassette, Power Mirrors, Sport Wheels, Like New, 32,000 Miles, Stock Number 8290-1.

**1986 TOYOTA MR-2** Five Speed, 26,000 Miles, Sunroof, Tilt, Cruise, Wheels, Flares, Make Offer, Stock Number 7184-1.

**1986 NISSAN 200 SX** Hatchback, Five Speed, Spoiler, New Tires, AM/FM Stereo, Power Mirrors, Rear Wiper & Defroster, Sharp, Only 27,000 Miles, Stock Number 9535-1.

**1986 NISSAN 200 SX COUPE** Red, Automatic, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, Power Mirrors, Only 26,000 Miles, Just Like New, Stock Number 9012.

**1987 TOYOTA COROLLA FX** Two Door, Five Speed, Power Steering & Brakes, Cloth Interior, Rear Window Wiper & Defroster, AM/FM Stereo, Only 5,000 Miles, Save Hundreds, Stock Number 9059.

**1988 TOYOTA COROLLA FX** Five Speed, Power Steering & Brakes, AM/FM Stereo, Air, Cloth Interior, Sport Stripes, 8,400 Miles, Stock Number 9060.

**1985 HONDA CRX SI** Five Speed, Sunroof, Air, AM/FM Cassette, Aluminum Wheels, Stock Number 8226-1.

**1986 HONDA PRELUDE** Charcoal, Five Speed, Sunroof, Stereo Cassette, 26,000 Miles, Stock Number 9056.

**1984 DODGE DAYTONA TURBO** Automatic, Candy Apple Red, Sunroof, Tilt, Cruise, Every Available Option, Only 51,000 Miles, Stock Number 8561-1.

**1987 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA** Automatic, Sunroof, Metallic Sand Stone, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, Stereo Cassette, Showroom New, Only 13,000 Miles, Stock Number 7498-1.