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BY SKIP VAUGHN

As part of Redstone Fire Department's ongoing community efforts, everyone is invited to a fire equipment display Saturday at the Youth Center.

"It's to let the public see some of the new equipment we have," said Fire Capt. Carl Bohannon. "It gives the community a chance to meet firefighters and ask questions."

Equipment to be displayed from 4-6 p.m. Saturday includes a new ladder truck, new water tanker, a cascade system for self-contained breathing apparatus, and several trucks. In addition, Sparky the fire dog will attend.

"Sparky's everywhere — like Santa Claus," said Fred Elliott, a fire department driver who wears the Sparky costume to entertain youngsters and teach them about fire safety.

The fire department's community efforts are now known as its Community Interaction Program. This program has involved such things as the Fire Department Christmas Charities, visits to the housing area on Halloween with candy for the children, visits to handicapped children by Santa, Christmas parades on the Arsenal and in downtown Huntsville, and public fire education programs, among other efforts.

Goals of this program include building trust within the community,

spreading good will wherever possible, and creating an air of community involvement within the department. "This program would not work without the support and participation of all the fire department," Bohannon said.

Jeffrey Marksberry, a fire department driver, originated the name Community Interaction Program for the department's community efforts which have been going on for years. "The community is why we're here and the community is what we're all about," Marksberry said. "That's our primary function here: to protect lives and property. And the public's No. 1 with us."

Elliott has been portraying Sparky at various events for the last three to four years. "It's enjoyable, the kids love Sparky. All of them know Sparky," said Elliott, who gave his formerly-silent character a speaking voice last year. Sometimes the youngsters are so enthusiastic they nearly knock him over.

"They remember what the dog says better than lectures or tapes," Elliott said. "I did it the first year; now it's just kind of a regular routine. I wouldn't give it up now for nothing."

Bohannon, Marksberry and Elliott are members of the Vincent Drive fire station. That 10-member station is located closer to the housing area than

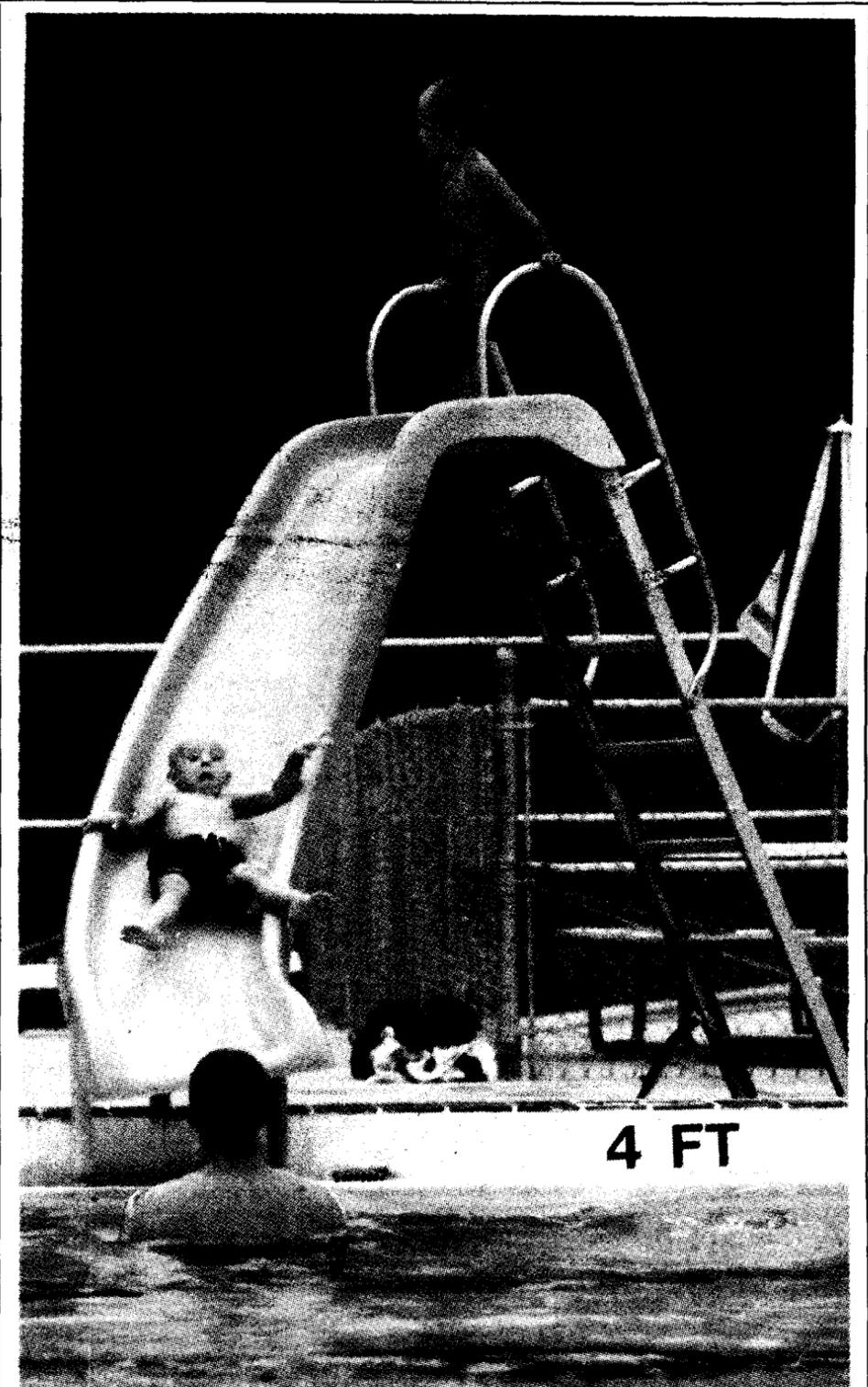
the other three stations: Rideout Road, Patton Road and the Airfield. "We're closer to the housing area and we're responsible for the fire protection, first response to the housing area; and therefore we deal more with the public than the other stations do," Bohannon said.

The community interaction program involves the entire fire department — all 54 of its members. They include four fire inspectors whose main function is fire prevention.

"It (the community program) takes everybody. That's the only way it will work," Bohannon said.



VINCENT FIRE STATION — On duty at the Vincent Drive fire station are, from left, firefighter Ralph Gullion, firefighter Raymond Gunn, Sparky (driver Fred Elliott), Fire Capt. Carl Bohannon and driver Jeffrey Marksberry.



ONE LAST SPLASH — Taylor Shumake, 2, gets in some end-of-the-season water fun as dad, Pvt. Douglas Shumake, waits for the big splash. Trey, 3, checks out the big guys on the high board. Redstone Arsenal swimming pools will close for the season after Labor Day, Sept. 7. Pool hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Photo by SSgt. Clint Kendrick.



Hourly child care

Editor:

Are you upset about the arbitrary cancellation of hourly care at the Child Development Center? It appears to have come out of Mr. Frasher's Ivory Tower with little or no consideration of the 200 families (their figures) signed up for this service.

Children need to feel they are going from one safe haven to another. This is exactly the feeling they get going to the Child Development Center regardless of who the caregiver is that day. Under the Family Child Care (FCC) program, the hourly child faces frequent different new places and caregivers. Safe they may be — safe haven they are not!

Mr. Frasher danced around or refused to answer questions at the quickly called "FCC Orientation" and frequently came up with suggestions off the top of his head for problems. He has left the volunteers that serve this post scrambling for child care. Will they make the choice to serve their child instead of the Army family?

Mr. Frasher states the FCC program is a much more personal service and "the child and the family child care provider really bond." This is much more advantageous to the soldier whose child needs full-day care service. Why are they not being directed to use this program?

Mr. Frasher wants to review his decision in 90 or 120 days. If you are upset and want to try to change this decision now, come to the next town meeting. Enough interest and a common goal can shake Mr. Frasher out of his Ivory Tower and back into service to the community.

Joe Starkey

(Editor's note: Michael Frasher, chief of Child Development Services, provided the following response. "Parental concern over the recent movement of hourly care from the Child Development Center to Family Child Care is certainly understandable. While it is true that 200 families are signed up to use hourly care, only 30 percent were using the Center on a routine basis, using space that was desperately needed for full-time military families. I would like to make it clear that this was not an arbitrary move. Many factors were carefully considered in making this change of program direction. Guidance from the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center states, 'use Child Development Centers for full-day care.' Child Development Services has established contracts with Family Child Care providers for hourly care services for volunteers. Implementation of this program change will bring us into compliance with the Depart-

ment of the Army guidelines of Child Development Program management.

"We are always willing to listen to patron concerns regarding program changes. A meeting with representatives from volunteer organizations is scheduled on Aug. 27 to evaluate their concerns. Working together, within regulations and guidelines, will always bring about the best solution. Any changes or additions to programs stated herein will be reported in a future issue of the Redstone Rocket.

"Placement of your child in a child care program is a personal decision. It is Child Development Services' mission to inform parents of child care options available, not to force parents to use a specific program, provider, or off-post service. There is no intent to add undue stress or hardship for parents requiring hourly or full-time child care.

"Our Central Registry office at 876-3704 is dedicated to helping parents find full-time and alternative hourly child care. Our Family Child Care providers are military spouses and extremely dedicated individuals. Family Child Care providers go through 40 hours of training before they are certified. Annual training continues from year to year. Also, monthly home site visits are conducted by staff. The same developmental program followed in the Child Development Center is followed by Family Child Care providers. If you have never utilized this program, you will be pleasantly surprised at the exceptional quality of care these homes offer.

"If the Family Child Care Program does not meet your child care needs, we have implemented two alternatives. The first, a part-day preschool will begin on Sept. 2 at the Child Development Center Annex, building 3140. This will be a Monday-Wednesday-Friday, three hours per day (8-11 a.m.) (based on parent desires) program. Monthly prices are based on total family income as follows:

"For total family income \$11,000-and-under, the monthly fee per child is \$38; for total family income \$11,001-27,000, fee is \$43; income \$27,001-40,000, fee is \$57; income \$40,001-55,000, fee is \$67; and for income \$55,001-and-over, the fee is \$78.

"The second alternative, hourly care, will be available through the Child Development Annex on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting Sept. 1. Reservation for hourly care will be handled with the Child Development Center for these days. Recent renovation of our Annex has allowed these programs to be offered.

"The part-day preschool and hourly care will not be available during public school holidays. Listings of public school holidays are available at Child Development Services Central Registry and the Child Development Center.

"Our commanders face many difficult decisions ahead as our nation moves into the post-Cold-War era. Even Child Development Services will be affected and must be allowed to change with the times. Your Child Development Services at Redstone Arsenal will continue to provide quality child care within our resource capability. Please work with us in finding viable child care options for your family."

Stealing sand

Editor:

In July my mother, who lives out of town, visited me. As I was showing her around Redstone Arsenal,

we passed the playground by the chapel off of Hughes Road. In passing, I happened to notice two men dragging a big trash can with shovels off the road into the play area. I slowed up some to see what they were going to do (especially in front of all the children playing there). To my utter amazement, these men started shoveling sand from the playground into their trash can (I know it was a personal trash can because it's one issued to military households). Nevertheless, my first and only assumption was that there are two grown men stealing sand for their own use in front of not only my mother, but also in front of the children. If you are the men who did this and you are reading this... Shame on you! You are a thief! (What else have you ripped off from the government?) Lucky for you, the MPs weren't around or you would have been turned in. What a horrible example you are to not only your own household but to others who saw you do it. Also, you are a horrible example for the United States Army.

Name withheld by request

Hospital team

Editor:

To the staff of Fox Army Community Hospital (FACH) and the Dental Activity...

It is always difficult to say goodbye to friends and co-workers, but it's one of those things that has to be done when one is in the service. It doesn't seem like it's been three years since I joined the FACH team, but it has, and it's been non-stop since. Through these years we have shared many things: first the tornado, then deployments to Operation Desert Shield/Storm and receiving and integrating the soldiers of the 3343rd USAR Augmentation Hospital into FACH, the Third Party Reimbursement Program (collecting private insurance from patients), the Gateway to Care Program and now the Army drawdown. All of these events were interspersed with hiring freezes, physician shortages, family support groups, Total Quality Management, Continuous Quality Improvement and the Army Community of Excellence initiatives, cutbacks in funding, changes to the TDA, facility renovations and the relocation of various activities. This is quite a lot to have accomplished in just 36 months.

During this time, I have formed many friendships that have really helped through the stressful times, which we have all felt to one degree or another. Thank you for the opportunity to learn, and for your support throughout my tour. I also want to thank everyone who helped to coordinate and attended my "surprise" farewell. I want everyone to know that I will sorely miss the Fox team, my friends and co-workers. Keep in touch. Thank you.

Maj. Edward P. Stevens
Chief, Clinical Support Division

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Extended Range Interceptor successful

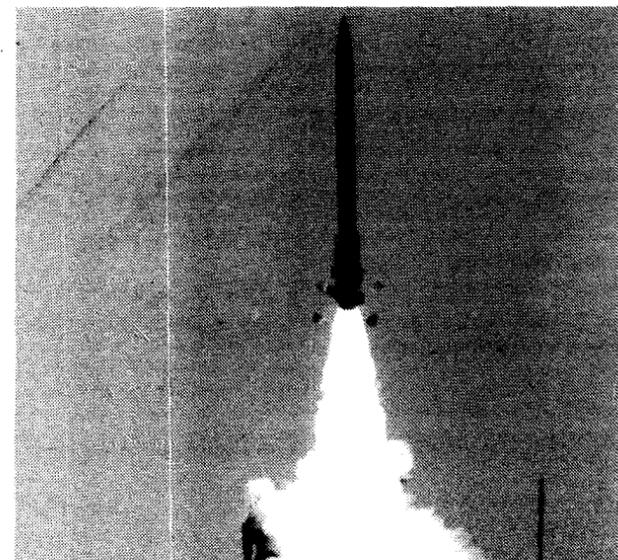
The Strategic Defense Initiative Organization and the Army have announced the second successful test flight of the Extended Range Interceptor (ERINT) missile at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., Aug. 21.

ERINT is a small, lightweight, guided hit-to-kill missile being developed to provide increased defensive capability against theater ballistic missile threats to satisfy Army operational requirements.

Review of preliminary test data indicates all test objectives were met. Test objectives included verification of airframe response and integrity, performance of the solid fuel rocket motor, attitude control motor performance and auto-pilot function in stressful high acceleration maneuvers immediately after launch and at typical intercept altitude.

This was the second of eight planned flight tests. More guided flight tests are planned later this year against surrogate threat missile and aircraft targets.

ERINT is one of several programs managed by Maj. Gen. William Chen, the Army Program Executive Of-



ERINT — The Extended Range Interceptor missile is launched Aug. 21 in a successful test flight at White Sands Missile Range.

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Lionetti leads Army Space/Strategic Defense Command

ARLINGTON, Va. — Lt. Gen. Donald Lionetti assumes command this week of the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command, headquartered in Arlington, Va. Lionetti will take charge of the newly reorganized command which becomes the Army component of the U.S. Space Command.

Since November 1991, Lionetti has served as deputy commanding general/chief of staff for the Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va.

Lionetti succeeds Lt. Gen. Robert Hammond who retired in June as commanding general of the Strategic Defense Command.

Plans call for the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command to consist of the current U.S. Army Space Command located in Colorado Springs, Colo., and elements of the Strategic Defense Command, located in Arlington and Huntsville. National Missile Defense and Theater Missile Defense programs that previously were part of the Strategic Defense Command and the Missile Command were combined

under the recently established Army Program Executive Officer for Global Protection Against Limited Strikes located in Arlington.

Lionetti is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Arizona State University. During his 31 years in the Army, he served as an artillery commander in Vietnam from 1967-68 and later as an assistant professor, Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences, U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

Most recently Lionetti served as director for plans, U.S. Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., 1988-89; commanding general of the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and commandant, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School, Fort Bliss, Texas, 1989-91.

Earlier in his career, Lionetti served at the 7th Army Combined Arms Training Center, Vilseck, Germany; commanded an Air Defense Artillery Battalion at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany; had two

assignments with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in the Pentagon; and commanded an Air Defense Artillery Brigade with the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

In addition to the U.S. Military Academy, Lionetti's military schooling includes the Field Artillery School, the Air Defense Artillery School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Parachutist Badge and the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

Lionetti and his wife, Bobbi, have three grown children: Donald Jr., Christopher, and Laura Barton.

Major convicted for sex offenses involving youngsters

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A major formerly assigned at Redstone Arsenal was court-martialed last week for sex offenses involving four children. The prosecutor in the case hopes the sentence received will serve as a deterrent for others.

Maj. Robert L. Geren, 41, pleaded guilty to attempted rape, sodomy, indecent liberties with a minor, and rape. He was sentenced to 18 years, dismissed from the Army, and ordered to forfeit pay he would have received during the next 15 months.

The offenses involved three girls ages 8, 9 and 11, and one boy age 4. They occurred in 1988 and '89 while Geren was stationed here with Missile Command project offices. Several of the offenses also occurred the following year at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., while Geren was attending the Command and General Staff College, according to Capt. John Larsen, the chief trial counsel in Redstone's Office of Staff Judge Advocate.

The case came to the attention of social workers who then turned it over to the Criminal Investigation Command which in turn alerted Larsen and Sgt. Lionel Philson, who is Larsen's chief legal NCO. Geren was sentenced by Military Judge (Lt. Col.) Andrew Clevenger of Fort Campbell, Ky., in a general court-martial held here Aug. 19.

"The cries of innocent children won't go unanswered."

— Capt. John Larsen
Prosecutor

"The message that I as trial counsel want it to deliver is that if someone is foolish enough to think that they're going to sexually victimize a young child then they're going to pay a severe penalty for engaging in that kind of prurient and perverse conduct," Larsen said. "And I also want it to show that in the military world we take these kind of offenses extremely seriously, and they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The cries of innocent children won't go unanswered."

Records show Geren, who is married, was born Dec. 29, 1950, and was from Raleigh, N.C. He had 18 and a half years of Army service. His specialty was aviator, helicopter pilot.

Geren was with the Hellfire Project Office from January 1985 until February 1988 when he joined the Advanced Anti-tank Weapon System-Medium project office. He was with AAWS-M until leaving for the

Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in 1989. He graduated from there in 1990. Geren was stationed in Germany from September 1990 until April 1992; he also spent about six months in Southwest Asia. He served with the HHC 7th/159th Aviation Regiment in Germany. Geren returned to Redstone April 25 for the purpose of court-martial and was assigned with HHC 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

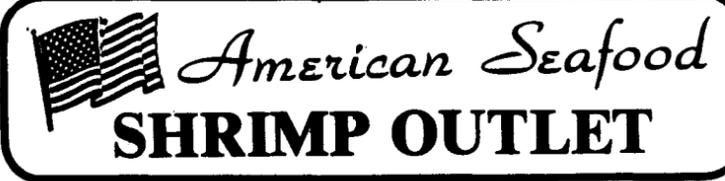
After court-martial, Geren was jailed at the military police station here before being flown last Friday to Fort Leavenworth where he will serve his sentence at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks.

Range

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ficer, Global Protection Against Limited Strikes (GPALS). Lt. Col. Roy D. Millar is the ERINT project manager.

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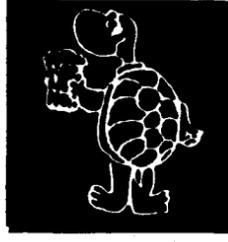
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Missile Command reports on its internal controls

Every August, the Missile command assesses how well it has managed funds during the fiscal year.

MICOM and agencies throughout the Department of Defense — in fact, every executive agency — are required to make such an assessment under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act. This is a public law, signed by Congress in 1982, which requires that the head of each executive agency provide feedback to Congress.

On Aug. 18 Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command, signed the fiscal 1992 Annual Assurance Statement on the Status of MICOM's Internal Controls. The Missile Command's statement goes to headquarters Army Materiel Command; AMC in turn reports to Secretary of the Army who in turn reports to Department of Defense which ultimately reports to Congress.

"We had 73 checklists that were applied here. All 73 were completed as scheduled," said Homer Reynolds, the internal management controls program administrator for MICOM. "We had no material weaknesses reported to AMC for FY92. However, we

closed out three material weaknesses identified in prior years.

"There were 830 managers and other personnel identified with internal control management responsibilities. And we trained 709 managers and employees this year on internal management controls," Reynolds said. "MICOM took a proactive position on the IMC program this year by intensifying training and revising MICOM Policy 11-3 which resulted in an additional 320 managers and personnel being identified with IMC responsibilities. Also, the number of personnel trained increased 56 percent from FY91. For the first time we conducted on-site program assistance visits at selected organizations to provide the MICOM commanding general with reasonable assurance that internal controls are in place within the command and are being performed in a cost effective and efficient manner."

Those attending the meeting in which Rigby signed the assurance statement included Reynolds; Col. David Roesler, director of Resource Management Directorate; and Andra Woodruff, acting chief for the management analysis and control branch.



SIGNING — Reynolds looks on as Maj. Gen. Rigby signs the annual assurance statement for internal controls.

Combined Federal Campaign has higher goal this year

Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, chairman of the 1992 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign, has announced a goal of \$1,265,000 which is a 12.4 percent increase over last year's CFC goal.

This goal is the sum of the individual agency goals established by the managers of the 33 federal agencies that make up the Tennessee Valley CFC.

About 22,000 federal employees in a geographic area covering Cullman, Limestone; Madison, Marshall and Morgan counties in Alabama and Lincoln County, Tenn., will have the opportunity to participate in the campaign set for Oct. 5 to Nov. 13.

"Federal employees have always been willing to share with others when the need is recognized. With the able assistance of the more than 800 volunteer keyworkers, I am confident that we will not only meet, but exceed this goal," Rigby said.

He also identified 11 employees who have been committed to the 1992 CFC Loaned Executive program by their employers. The Loaned Executive program is designed to educate and inform the federal employee on how CFC affects and benefits people in the Tennessee Valley area. This is accomplished through employee rallies in the workplace. During a typical rally,

the loaned executive explains why there is a CFC, who runs CFC, who receives money from CFC, shows a videotape on CFC, and answers employee questions. Loaned executive rallies provide employees with an opportunity to find out how CFC really works.

The 1992 CFC loaned executives include John Newton, Marshall Space Flight Center; Thomas Billingsley, Integrated Materiel Management Center; Norma Dalton, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; Gregory Haynes and Robin Soprano, both of Research Development and Engineering Center; Marvin Nichols, Acquisition Center; Leonard Jones, TMDE Activity; Larry M. Davis, Missile and Space Intelligence Center; Ricky Coats, Larry Jones and Ronnie Young, all of TVA Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

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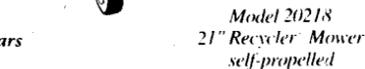
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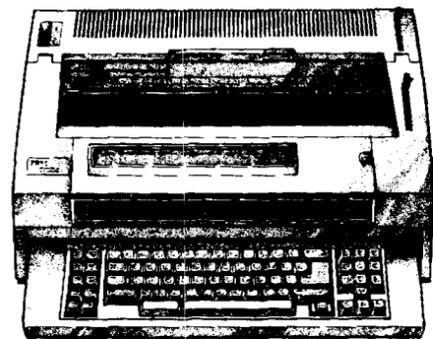


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Army industry subject of expo slated Sept. 1-2

The Industrial Capabilities Exposition is on its way to Huntsville. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 1-2, Headquarters AMCCOM, several of the command's Army ammunition plants, the arsenals, the U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School, and the Army's Depot Systems Command will travel to the Tom Bevill Center to provide information on the developmental, manufacturing, and service capabilities of the Army-owned production and depot facilities.

portunity to gather information regarding the many capabilities and skills available within the Army-owned industrial base. Yet, this event goes beyond an exposition of industrial capabilities. It represents the gateway to the Army's new Industrial Operations Command (IOC), providing information on the role which the IOC will play in meeting the weapons, missiles and ammunition requirements of the future Army, and serving as a catalyst to tomorrow's technology.

From 8 until 5 both days, attendees will have the op-

The exposition will feature display booths, videos,

pamphlets, capability information, and AMCCOM products, plus continuous presentations from the various organizations participating. Following opening remarks from Brig. Gen. James Boddie, the AMCCOM deputy commanding general for procurement and readiness, the round-robin presentations will begin and plant commanders and managers, as well as technical representatives, will be on hand to greet attendees, discuss program needs and requirements, and answer any questions on facility use and capabilities which may arise.

Maj. Gen. Paul Greenberg, the commanding general of AMCCOM, extends an invitation to all Army program executive officers, individuals from the Department of Army and Army Materiel Command, commanders of the major subordinate commands, the Strategic Defense Command, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the program managers and their staffs located at Redstone Arsenal, and employees from all areas of the Missile Command which have an interest in learning of the capabilities of the Army-owned industrial base. The event is an open house forum, allowing individuals to come and go as their schedules permit. The activities scheduled for the first day will conclude with a social, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the second floor lounge of the Tom Bevill Center. All are encouraged to stay and participate.

Shuttle buses are available for transportation between the Arsenal and the Tom Bevill Center. The specific routing schedule is:

- Building 5250 — 7:20 a.m., 8:20, 9:20, 10:20, 11:20, 12:20 p.m., 1:20 and 2:20.
- Buildings 4488, 5400 and 5678/5681 — 8:20 a.m., 9:20, 10:20, 11:20, 12:20 p.m., 1:20 and 2:20.
- Tom Bevill Center — 8 a.m., 9, 10, 11, noon, 1, 2 and 3.

Come and be a part of the first Industrial Capabilities Exposition to be taken on the road by the Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command. We look forward to seeing you, and to showing you what your Army-owned industrial base can do for you. (News release from AMCCOM at Rock Island, Ill.)

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Federal Women's Program honors SDC workers

BY EARLA LOCKHART

Sixteen outstanding Strategic Defense Command employees were recognized in a Federal Women's Program awards ceremony Thursday. The awards and certificates were presented by Brig. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen, SDC deputy commanding general.

The Supervisor of the Year honor was awarded to Mitford Merritt, a branch chief in SDC's Contracting and Acquisition Management Office. Merritt was selected for his commitment to meeting FWP initiatives by hiring and advancing women and for supporting training opportunities for women under his supervision.

Outstanding Career Achievement awards were presented to the following individuals:

- **Professional Category:** Carolyn Harris, a contract/cost price analyst in the Contracting and Acquisition Management Office. Harris was honored for consistently demonstrating exceptional technical expertise while serving on Source Selection and Evaluation Boards, for pursuing advanced education and professional development, and for church and community activities.

- **Administrative Category:** Carolyn Thompson, a supervisory program analyst in the Anti-Satellite Joint Program Office. Thompson was selected for the award for her exceptional performance and advancement to the GM-15 level, as well as for her significant involvement in local and national civic and professional organizations.

- **Clerical/Technical Category:** Jean Blain, a secretary/typist at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Blain was honored for exceptional job performance, initiative, leadership abilities, and participation in community activities.

Other nominees for Supervisor of the Year received certificates from Van Prooyen: James Keith, branch chief in the Systems Analysis/Battle Management Directorate; Alan Sherer, nominated as High Endoatmospheric Defense Interceptor project manager (he is



AWARD WINNERS — From left are Carolyn Thompson, Mitford Merritt, Carolyn Harris; and Brig. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen who presented the awards. Not pictured is Jean Blain.

now Army Theater Missile Defense program manager in the Program Executive Office for Global Protection Against Limited Strikes); Duane Stott, branch chief in the Sensors Directorate; and Kay Ward, a program management branch chief in the Anti-Satellite Joint Program Office.

The other nominees for the Outstanding Career Achievement Awards were also presented certificates by Van Prooyen: Elizabeth Ratliff, contract specialist, Contracting and Acquisition Management Office; Jacqueline Steele, general engineer, Systems Analysis/Battle Management Directorate; Rachel Ramey, program analyst, Office of the Comptroller; Reba Seals, supervisory program analyst, Ground Based Interceptor Project Office; Carolyn Wallace, supervisory program analyst, Ground Based Radar Project Office; Lisa Bingham, procurement clerk, Office of the Comptroller; Sarah Hazel, procurement assistant, Contracting and Acquisition Management Office; and

Mona Neal, procurement assistant, Contracting and Acquisition Management Office.

Melvin Kelley, Equal Opportunity Office chief and Mary Peoples, FWP manager also presented certificates of appreciation to members of the SDC FWP Committee.

Direct-deposit checking becoming requirement

WASHINGTON — Department of the Army civilians — if you've been hired, promoted or transferred as of Aug. 1, you can bank on having your paycheck earmarked for direct deposit.

This practice of "electronic funds transfer" has become routine for most soldiers' paychecks, but only now will part of the civilian work force come under mandatory coverage, said Army finance officials.

They pointed out that current employees not enrolled in the program are excluded from the requirement. But once they undergo a competitive promotion or reassignment, they must enroll. They have 60 days to enroll, from the date they become subject to the rule.

Officials explained that the change-over has advantages for both the payer and the payee. For example, the Defense Department saves money by eliminating the costs of printing, mailing, processing and replacing checks. In turn, enrollees gain increased security, safety and convenience from their money's automatic deposit at the opening of business on the payment date, plus elimination of special trips to deposit or cash Treasury checks. Another advantage: no more loss or delay of paychecks sent through the mail.

Note: If you're a DA civilian choosing to retire, your new status as an annuitant on the rolls of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management will require you to enroll. (Arnews)

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Editor's note: 2nd Lt. Vessels is the voting assistance officer for 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

BY RENEE VESSELS

As I walked out to my car, a familiar yellow school bus wound around the corner and several small children stood anxiously at the curbside. The bus inched to the curb and the children quickly disappeared through its doors. School already. But wait, what was that large sign attached to the side of the bus? It was not a "Save the Whales" or "Recycle" sign. It clearly stated "Make a Difference, Vote." Good heavens, it's the same again. I made a mental note to get organized, get going, and vote! The thought, however, passed

quickly and was forgotten as I sped away in an effort to achieve a timely arrival at work.

I arrived safe and late, as usual, to my destination. It began as one of those comfortable routine days where the pattern has long since been established and everyone seems to glide along without interruption. However, appearances are not often what they seem. I blended in with my co-workers waving the traditional banner hoping that I would not be singled out and directly questioned as to what party I intended to vote for this year. Actually, in an effort to defend myself, I did notice that this was a presidential election year and both conventions had made their way into my living

room via prime time television. But, I hadn't had time to register to vote yet nor did I have any idea where to get the absentee ballots. I considered briefly the new trendy sports philosophy of "just do it," but where could I just do it? I discreetly asked around and to my surprise was told that most orderly rooms had the information. Each company, I was told, had their own voting NCO and no, it was not too late to send away for my absentee ballot.

The moral of this short story is just don't forget to vote! Make a difference and be counted this year: Vote! For more information call your orderly rooms or call me, 2nd Lt. Vessels, at 876-0033.

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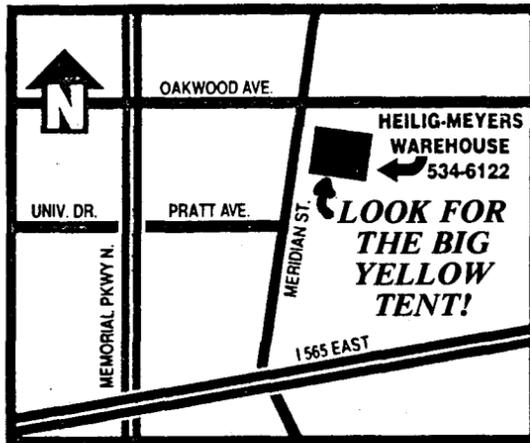
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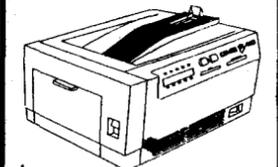
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Fund-raisers thanked for successful AER campaign

Organizations that participated in this year's successful Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign were recognized with certificates Aug. 19.

The AER campaign raised \$75,367.47 to surpass its \$45,000 goal, according to Lt. Col. Rich Richey, who served as chairman for this year's campaign. This included a record \$32,478.85 from community-sponsored activities. The Integrated Materiel Management Center alone made more than \$12,000 in fund-raisers, Richey said.



FOR AER SUPPORT — Juanita Adams, the AER officer for Redstone Arsenal, is presented flowers by Maj. Gen. Rigby during last week's Army Emergency Relief recognition ceremony.

This year's campaign began March 1 and continued through April 30. "It's because of the exceptional support provided by you, the honorees here today, and your chain of command, that we have this award ceremony," Richey told the attendees at the ceremony held in the Challenger NCO Club.

Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presented certificates to the organizational representatives. "It's amazing that a post of this size has managed to do so

much in such a short period of time for Army Emergency Relief," Rigby said.

Army Emergency Relief helps soldiers, retirees and family members with no-interest loans and grants for emergency situations. This is AER's 50th year of service.

"I'd like to extend to you and your organizations a heartfelt thanks on behalf of the soldiers and their families on Redstone Arsenal," Rigby told the honorees.

He presented certificates to representatives of the following organizations:

- The Ordnance Corps Association, The Retired Officers Association, Officers Wives Club, Acquisition Center, Information Systems Command, Integrated

Materiel Management Center, Javelin Project Office, Chaplains Office, Product Assurance Directorate, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Headquarters Support Troops, Strategic Defense Command, Systems and Cost Analysis Directorate, TOW Project Office

• 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Directorate of Combat Developments at OMMCS, Headquarters Command & Staff at OMMCS, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, Missile Systems Training Department, Munitions Training Department, NCO Academy, Secretary, Directorate of Evaluation & Standardization

• TMDE Activity, Research Development and Engineering Center, and Medical Department Activity.

TMDE Activity recognizes soldiers

Military and civilian members of TMDE Activity bid farewell to two of their top soldiers Monday with a luncheon held in the Challenger NCO Club.

Col. Michael Boyd, outgoing commander of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Group, and retiring Sgt. Maj. Jose Quitugua, the 74th Maintenance Battalion liaison officer, were the luncheon honorees.

Boyd, who is from Kerrville, Texas, served as TMDE Support Group commander since July 1990. His next assignment is director of Security Assistance Management Directorate. A change of command ceremony for TMDE Support Group was held Tuesday. The group's new commander is Col. Alfred Lopez, who served since July 1991 as director of maintenance at the Tank Automotive Command in Warren, Mich.

Quitugua is retiring from the Army with 30 years service. The effective date of his retirement is Oct. 1, 1992.

Quitugua has served with TMDE since 1970 upon his graduation from the calibration course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. He and his family plan to remain in Huntsville. Quitugua's hometown is Agana Heights, Guam.



HONOREES — Sgt. Maj. Quitugua and Col. Boyd are the honorees at a TMDE farewell luncheon held Monday.

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Logistic representatives share lessons learned

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Wherever soldiers have Army missile systems, civilian Logistic Assistance Representatives are there to provide support — even in a war zone.

LARs from throughout the continental United States, many of whom served in the Persian Gulf, met in Huntsville Aug. 17-21 for a conference held about every two years. Representatives came from as far away as Hawaii, Alaska, Korea and Portugal. The conference here was on the heels of a LARs conference held in Europe.

"Every two years we have these conferences to bring all these LARs together because we're so scattered," said George Bremer, a logistic assistance representative with Missile Systems Readiness Directorate here. "It's an opportunity for LARs to interface with other LARs, to keep abreast with anything that's come up. We exchange technical information. We receive classes from management. A lot of things that's impossible for them to be able to receive out in the field being scattered everywhere.

"It's an opportunity for all of us to get together and socialize a little bit, too: be reacquainted with old friends, meet a lot of LARs we don't know," he added. "Sometimes we just sit around and tell war stories. A large portion of us were in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. This conference we can discuss lessons learned over there."

About 100 representatives, including both air defense and land combat, attended the conference which was conducted by the logistic assistance division. There are more than 150 LARs worldwide. More than 80 participated in Desert Shield/Storm.

"One of our biggest challenges right now, like everybody else in the Army, is drawdown in Europe, reorganization and base closings," Bremer said. And one of their biggest missions within the past year was bringing back equipment from Saudi Arabia and getting it in shape again.



ATTENDING CONFERENCE — Among the LARs attending last week's conference are, from left, Bud Mills from Fort Eustis, Va.; Glenn Whitehead, Mike Studer and George Bremer, all of Missile Systems Readiness Directorate.

Besides conference sessions with their branch chiefs, there were sessions with people from Army Materiel Command. Some of the speakers included Col. Robert Lytle, chief of the logistic assistance office for Forces Command; Jim Flinn, director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center; and Gordon Philipovic from the technical training division at AMC. Marty Martin, the logistic assistance division chief at the Missile Command, and Dan Niemi from the Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command at Rock Island, Ill., gave a presentation on the upcoming consolidation of AMCCOM to MICOM. In addition, the attendees divided into two groups — air defense and land combat — for a Total Quality Management session and a half day with their supervisors. Awards and entertainment were provided at a banquet Thursday night. There were also activities during the week for spouses and families.

"It's been very informative and it's been a wonderful experience. Very, very beneficial to our LARs," Bremer said.

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Patriot missile donated to U.S. Space & Rocket Center

BY SANDA MARTEL

A Patriot missile is on permanent display at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center after a dedication ceremony Aug. 18 in the center's Rocket Park.

Brig. Gen. Robert Drolet, former Program Executive Officer, Air Defense, officially donated the Patriot to Ed Buckbee, director of the Space Center.

Drolet characterized Patriot as the premier air defense system in the world, a symbol of the spirit of America, and said it was being donated in honor of all who fought in Operation Desert Storm.

The donated Patriot is an actual test missile used at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. It is one of two the project office is donating, with the other one going to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

Col. James Gustine, Patriot project manager, served as master of ceremonies for the event. He said Missile Command, Strategic Defense Command and prime-contractor Raytheon Company share with the

Patriot Project Office stewardship of "this great missile."

Also on hand for the dedication were Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, MICOM commander, Brig. Gen. Jan Van Prooyen, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command and others, including retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps, former MICOM deputy commander and a former Patriot project manager.

In accepting the 460-pound display missile, Buckbee said this was a "special day" for the Space and Rocket Center.

"We have accepted many examples of your work in the last 20 years, but this one gets high marks for pride, achievement and performance," Buckbee said.

He said the 20,000 young men and women who come to the Space Center each year for Space Camp will be told that the Patriot is a "technology tool for peace preservation."

The 17 and a half feet long and 1.33 feet in diameter missile is mounted on a 300-pound stand built by MICOM's Prototype Engineering Division ("Skunk Works") of the Research, Development and Engineering Center.

The Space and Rocket Center was the project office's duty location for the afternoon, as workers celebrated their organization day.

Some 140 employees from the project office, Security Assistance Management Directorate, and other MICOM and SDC employees picnicked, toured the museum and saw the movie, "Blue Planet," according to Marie Sexton, coordinator for the event.

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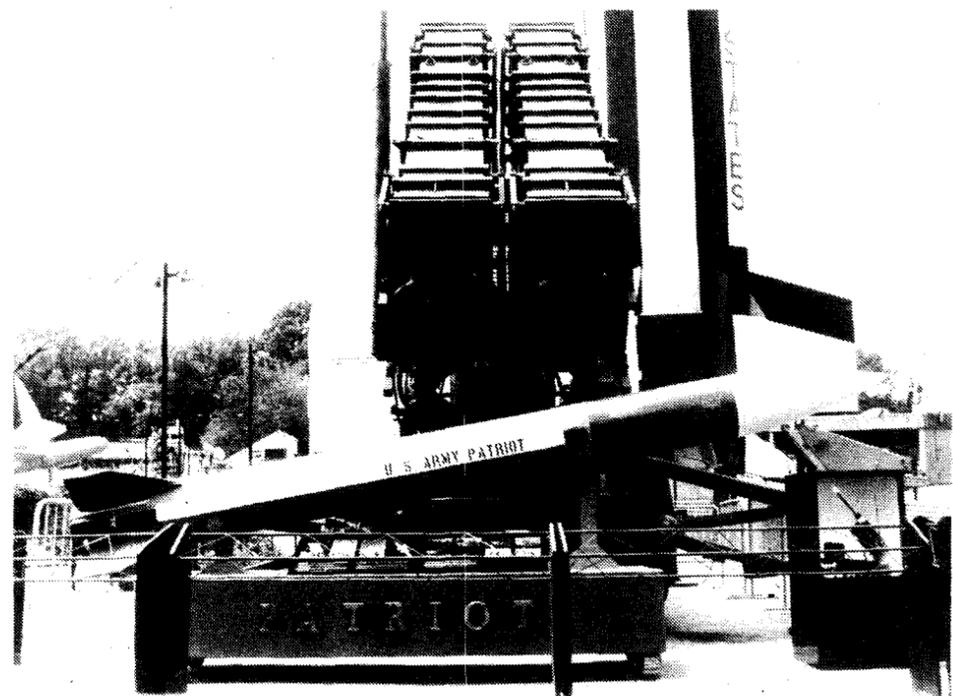
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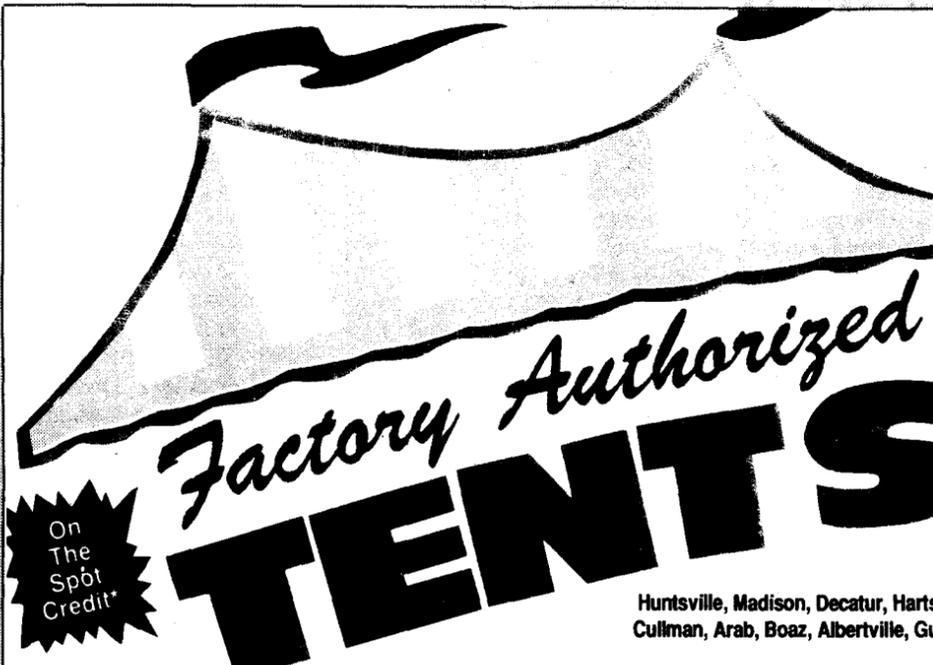
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TURNOVER CEREMONY — In attendance were, from left, MICOM commander Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby; Ed Buckbee, director of the Space Center; Brig. Gen. Robert Drolet, former Air Defense Program Executive Officer; SDC deputy commanding general Brig. Gen. Jan Van Prooyen and Patriot Project Manager Col. James Gustine.



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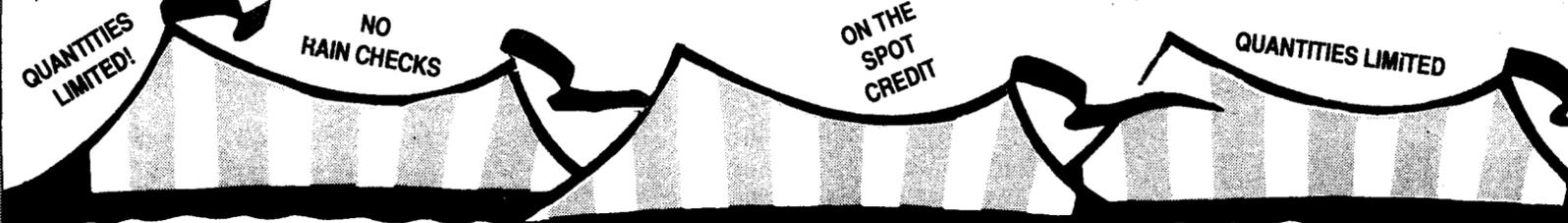
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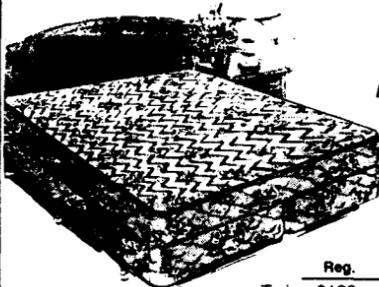
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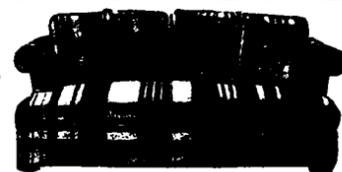


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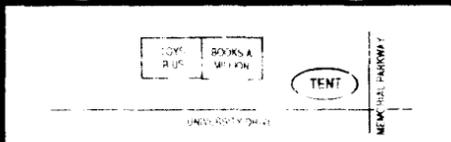
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Redstone community to rally at chapel Sunday

Redstone Arsenal will observe its annual Protestant "Rally Day" Sunday following the 9 a.m. service at Post Chapel and the 11 a.m. service at Bicentennial Chapel.

Also, a biblical dramatist is scheduled to perform Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Aug. 30 through Sept. 1 — for the Redstone community.

"Rally Day is a time for potluck (dinner), fellowship and an opportunity to meet new people coming into the community who've moved to Redstone this summer," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David McLean, the Protestant pastor at Bicentennial Chapel. "Following the 11 o'clock worship service at Bicentennial, we will have dinner on the ground. The chapel has made provisions to serve over 300 people.

"We will have balloons, banners, buttons and clowns to help celebrate our back to school, back to church, back to Sunday School. Along with the dinner, there will be people to sign up and explain the many areas of worship and service available through the chapel," McLean said. "As a part of ACOE (Army Communities of Excellence), the chapel community is committed to reaching up to God and outward to people."

Some of the activities which will be signing up people that day include Sunday School, Bible studies, Protestant Women of the Chapel, Protestant Youth of the

Chapel, choirs, Buildings and Grounds Committee, a Widows and Widowers Group, a Transition Support Group, and Lay Readers, among other ministries.

"We feel like your military chapel community has much to offer you and your family," McLean said. "This is all in addition to our single soldier and Soldiers Chapel Activity Nights that Chaplain Logan with the 832nd Ordnance Battalion provides."

For more information about Rally Day call McLean 876-5707 or Patty Wilson, the religious education coordinator, 876-6874.

Biblical dramatist Frank Roughton Harvey is to perform Sunday during the Protestant worship services. He will portray Jesus in the "Sermon on the Mount" during the 9 a.m. service at Post Chapel and the 11 a.m. service at Bicentennial Chapel.

Harvey, the founder of The Living Word Passion Play in Cambridge, Ohio, will also do a special presentation of the "Roman Centurion" Monday at a special appreciation dinner for the Catholic and Protestant religious education teachers and workers.

He is also scheduled to perform the "Unknown Soldier" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for Soldiers Chapel Activity Night (SCAN) at the Post Chapel. Refreshments will be served at this two-hour activity night which is open to everyone, according to Chaplain (1st Lt.) Steven Logan.



DRAMATIST — Biblical dramatist Frank Roughton Harvey, shown portraying Jesus, is to perform at the Protestant worship services Sunday at Post Chapel and Bicentennial Chapel.

Muslim representative slated as prayer breakfast speaker

A national representative of the Islamic religion is scheduled speaker for the monthly prayer breakfast Thursday, Sept. 3 at the Enlisted Club.



MOHAMMED

Imam W. Deen Mohammed, who resides in Calumet City, Ill., is to address the prayer breakfast which begins at 6 a.m. and lasts until 7:30.

"It's a monthly prayer breakfast but this one's going to be special in that Imam W. Deen Mohammed is a national representative for the Islamic religion," said Chaplain (1st Lt.) Steven Logan. "As far as I know, it's the first time we've had an Islamic representative speak at the prayer breakfast."

From 250 to 300 people, mostly soldiers, usually attend the monthly prayer breakfast which is open to everyone. For E-4s and below who are mealcard-holders, the event is free. For E-5s and above, a \$2 donation is requested.

"It's Army policy and our command's policy that the soldiers have the right to worship as they please and also respect the rights of other religious groups that they may not necessarily be a part of," Logan said. "And this prayer breakfast will be an opportunity to hear a representative from one of the world's major religions that many people in our country may not have had an opportunity to hear from."

"I hope that this prayer breakfast will foster respect for this religion and help us understand a religion that we, because of events in world history, have become

more and more in contact with over the last 50 years," he said.

Mohammed, Muslim American spokesman for Human Salvation, has established direct and genuine interfaith dialogue between leaders of Islam, Christianity and Judaism, according to a written profile provided by the chapel. He was the only American invited by the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to observe their 10th annual meeting, the profile states. In 1988 Mohammed represented Muslims at the World Parliament of Religious Leaders' meeting in Oxford, England. That same year, he represented Muslims in America at the symbolic signing of the First Amendment Charter for Religious Freedom in Williamsburg, Va. He has recently returned from Saudi Arabia where he served as the Muslim representative from America in addressing the Islamic Conference on the Persian Gulf conflict. Mohammed is a member of the World Supreme Council of Mosques.



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College football forecaster opens season with clean slate

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It's time again for college football, and that means "Skip's Picks."

Each week during the season, I'll be making predictions on who I think will win what games in major college football.

Point spreads only reflect how strongly I feel about a particular game. They don't count against my win-loss percentage. (Give me a break, it's tough enough just picking the winners.)

An effort will be made to select the top games each week without dodging the tossups in which the teams are evenly matched. I'll pick a winner either way, even if I only give a 1 or 2 point edge. Tie games are counted as ties in my record, too, without affecting the percentage.

Bowl games don't count against my percentage at the end of the year. It's just too tough to pick all the bowl game winners; and besides, I'll need a break. So, I'll just be picking the bowl games for fun.

There's plenty of football to be played before January. I'm eager to get started with my predictions, so let's go...

Texas A&M faces Stanford in tonight's Pigskin Classic at Anaheim, Calif. Ex-NFL coach Bill Walsh has a tough first opponent as the new leader of the Stanford team. Texas A&M has nine returning starters on offense and eight on defense from last year's 10-2 Aggies. The pick here is... **Texas A&M** by 14.

Iowa takes on North Carolina State in Saturday night's Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J. Iowa has seven returning starters on offense from last season's 10-1-1 Hawkeye team, but only four on defense. The oddsmakers favor the Hawkeyes in this game, but I have a hunch they'll have a hard time stopping the Wolfpack. The pick here is... **NC State** by 3.



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Girl Scouting a way to develop friendships on post

Editor's note: Hammond is manager of Service Unit 13 for Girl Scouts of North Alabama.

BY DOROTHY HAMMOND

Redstone Arsenal Girl Scouts will hold a parent meeting and registration clinic Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center.

We hope to have a Daisy Troop for Kindergartners, three Brownie Troops for girls in grades one to three, a Junior Troop (grades four to six), Cadet Troop (grades six to nine), and Seniors on the Arsenal. We are privileged to have a Girl Scout Hut on post (building 3563 on Cajun Road) which was renovated this past spring where we hold our meetings.

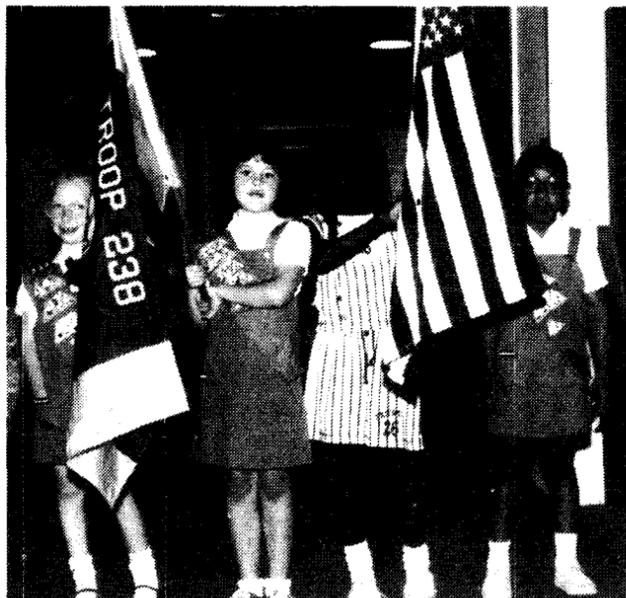
Why should military girls be involved in Girl Scouting? One mother said that Scouting was one of the few things that was a constant in her daughter's life. Every place they moved, her daughter was able to move into a troop and make new friends and to wear the patches she had earned from her previous troops. A Scout troop is a place where girls have a chance to be the leaders and make the decisions. Of course, the girls love the camping and outdoor experiences, but the Scouting program provides a balance in the five worlds of Scouting: the World of Well-Being, the World of People, the World of Today and Tomorrow, the World of the Arts, and the World of the Out-of-Doors. As the girls work, play and learn together, they develop friendships which extend beyond the troop meeting times.

Were you a Brownie or a Girl Scout as a child? Even if you don't have daughters of your own, we need you! Any adult 18 years or older (male or female) can be a Scout leader, whether or not you have been involved in Scouting previously. In order to make Girl Scouting a good experience for the girls, we need committed

leaders, not only on the Arsenal, but in some of the areas outside the Arsenal where many single parents are struggling to survive, and girls really need the Scouting experience to brighten their lives.

You work? That's OK! We can arrange troop meeting times around your work schedule. Most leaders do work these days. Stay-at-home moms are the exception.

Other volunteer positions available include troop organizers, troop consultants, registrars and administrators. If you would like to contribute your time and talents, please contact Portia York at Girl Scouts of North Alabama Inc., 883-1020, 4704 Whitesburg Drive, Southeast, Huntsville. Tell her you want to be a part of Service Unit 13. You can reach me, Dorothy Hammond, Service Unit 13 manager, at 722-0660.



FLAG CEREMONY — Participating in the flag ceremony for the final court of awards held in May are, from left, Charlene Stewart, Teresa Zimmerman, Mary Taylor and Jon-Nita Williams.



BUILDING A FIRE — Members of Brownie Troop 238 learn about building a fire. From left are Kiesha Fletcher, Jessica Hudson; Dorothy Hammond, leader; Krystal Orr and Crystal O'Neil.

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Army helps city police retrieve suspected bomb

BY SANDA MARTEL

Huntsville Police Department asked for and got help from Redstone Arsenal Thursday in retrieving a device first thought to be a bomb but as it turned out, was bogus.

A team consisting of a robot and four noncommissioned officers worked in concert with the HPD bomb squad to retrieve a suspected bomb at the Crossroads shopping center at the corner of Bob Wallace Avenue and Triana Boulevard.

Police officials asked for help from Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Center for Training and Technology, at about 7 p.m. Thursday, some two hours after a worker at a Winn Dixie store in the shopping center received a call from a man saying there was a bomb on a propane tank behind the store.

The team was dispatched to the scene about 8:30 p.m. and with the 200-pound robot, was able to gain access to and retrieve the device at about 10:30 p.m.,

according to Lt. Col. Patrick Dunkle, EOD Center director.

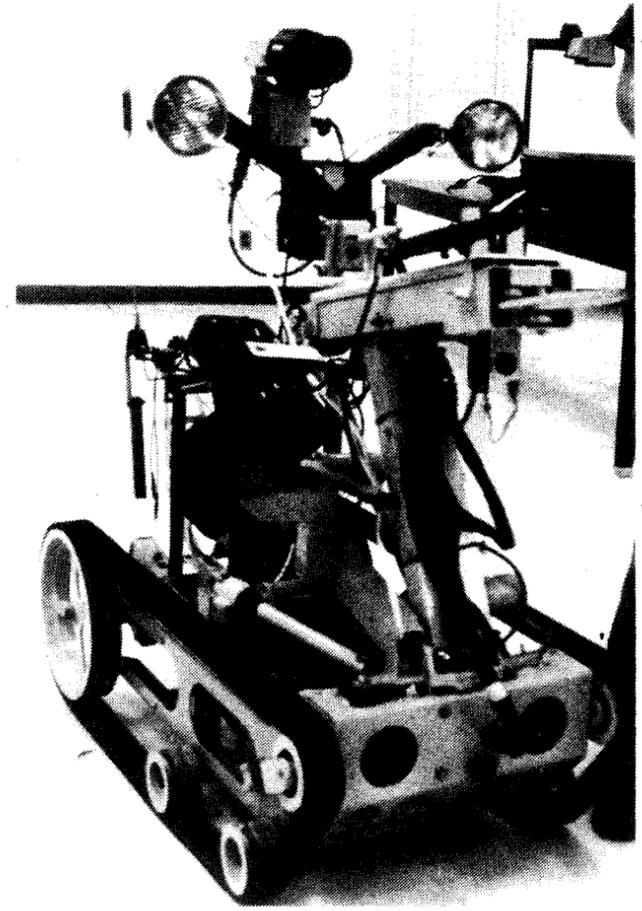
It was placed in HPD's bomb trailer and taken to the demolition range where it was taken apart and determined to be a fake bomb, according to police.

Dunkle said that Forces Command in Atlanta, which handles requests for civilian assistance, was notified. Due to the EOD Center's proximity to those asking for assistance, they were the element sent to respond.

The EOD Center has cooperated with local authorities numerous times in the past when requests for assistance have come in, said Sgt. Maj. Irvin Banta, EOD Center.

The remote-controlled robot has been used for about two years by bomb disposal units, Banta said.

The EOD Center for Training and Technology is a part of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.



S.E.O.D. ROBOT — This security explosive ordnance disposal robot, which is about 6 feet long, 39 inches high and weighs about 200 pounds, is the tool the EOD Center used in a cooperative effort with the Huntsville Police Department to retrieve a suspected bomb Thursday.

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Rifters win CWF Coed Softball title

The Rifters team from the Acquisition Center won the 1992 Civilian Welfare Fund Coed Softball League championship Aug. 19 by beating the defending champions.

The Rifters outslugged last year's champs, the Strategic Defense Command/Corps of Engineers, in a doubleheader. They won the first game 16-9 and took the second 18-7. With a record of 20-2, the Rifters are representing the CWF league in the Redstone Arsenal World Series this week against the coed league champion from NASA.

Before the CWF double elimination playoffs, the Rifters had already won the regular season title with a 15-1 record. The Rifters defeated Pray For Rain in the

first round of the playoffs, but lost to DCD in the second round; this placed them in the loser's bracket. They won their next game against the Rippers, setting up a rematch with DCD. After beating DCD, they advanced to the championship round against a strong SDC/COE team.

Llane McGee, the Rifters' coach, attributes much of the team's success to the talent of his players and to the cohesiveness the team displayed throughout the season. "With the addition of a few new players, this is basically the same team we started out with in 1990, when the league was formed. That year we came in second and placed third the following year. We felt that this year would be a good year for us," he said.

Troop softball

Here are the troop softball standings as of Aug. 21:

Eastern Conference		W	L
HHC 832nd		15	3
NCO Academy		12	6
C Company 832nd		12	6
E Company 832nd		9	7
MEDDAC		7	11
Marines		6	11
HHC Airfield		5	13
Western Conference		W	L
F Company 832nd		16	1
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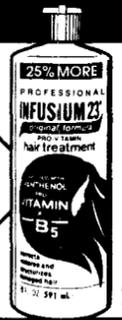
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If you are 50 and older and enjoy saving money, going places and meeting new people and having fun, then it's time to join the not-for-profit Humana Seniors Association. The Human Seniors Association is holding a special two-for-one membership drive through Aug. 31. Membership benefits include numerous free social and educational classes plus free health screenings, local and national discounts. To find out more about the benefits of membership, call the Humana Seniors Association office 532-5230.

Security badges

The issued DOD employee badge (AMSMI-RA Form 2341) will be worn and displayed by all personnel on the outer garment above the waist, so that the face (photograph or symbol side) is clearly visible at all times while in the administrative/operational buildings or areas which are under the jurisdiction of U.S. Army organizations at Redstone Arsenal (MICOM 190-1, Appendix D, paragraph 3c). No buttons, pins, or other items will be affixed to or cover the badge (MICOMR 190-1, Appendix D, paragraph e), according to the Provost Marshal Office.

Student exchange program

A 16-year-old boy from Germany who enjoys tennis, golf, movies, and music, has his suitcase packed and is ready to come to the Decatur area, but he is still awaiting an invitation from an American host family. This young boy, as well as other select European exchange students, is anxious to share his culture with our community, if he is invited. Anna Thors is the Decatur area representative for ASSE International Student Exchange Programs. If you are interested in hosting a student for the academic year, call Thors 355-8849 or call 1-800-473-0696.

Preseparation orientation

The next preseparation orientation (not retiree orientation) for military personnel with ETS or separation dates on or before Dec. 31 will be conducted from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 27 in the Toftoy Hall auditorium. Representatives from Veterans Affairs, Employment Services, Military Pay Division, Transition Assistance Office and others will brief attendees and answer questions pertaining to postseparation plans. Spouses are encouraged to attend. It is mandatory for all soldiers separating from the Army during the above specified period to attend this briefing. If you have an approved separation date, are anticipating separating (or departing on terminal leave) under the Voluntary Incentive Program prior to Dec. 31, you should attend this briefing. The next preseparation briefing will be conducted on or about Oct. 22.

Pajama Jam

The Enlisted Council of HHC 832nd Ordnance Battalion will be having a Pajama Jam on Sept. 11 from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m. at the Challenger NCO Club. It will be open to 18 years and older. Free food will be available. Tickets are on sale now and are \$5 for male, and \$2.50 for female. All are invited. For more information, call Spec. Williams 876-2494 or call Spec. Rawls 876-1105 or 842-9835.

Value Engineering symposium

On Aug. 27 the MICOM Value Engineering Office will host a Value Engineering symposium entitled "Value Engineering — The Profitable Survival Technique in the '90s." The symposium will arouse your interest in Value Engineering and present successful techniques in making Value Engineering work for you. The symposium will concentrate on three areas simultaneously: Management, Contracts, and Value Engineering Development and Preparation. The Value Engineering Office invites all government and contractor personnel to attend the symposium. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Tom Bevell Center in Huntsville. Registration is free. Preregistration forms are available from Vicki Loewen 842-9420.

Space logistics symposium

The Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE) and AIAA are sponsoring the fifth Space Logistics Symposium to be held in Huntsville May 24-26, 1993. Logisticians, operators, educators, design engineers, and planners, at all levels of management and staff, are invited to submit abstracts of papers they would like to present during the symposium. Prospective authors should mail three copies of their abstracts, accompanied by a complete copy of the Call for Papers and a fully filled out Abstract Submittal Form, to the technical program chairman before Sept. 21. His address is: Jim Graham, technical program chairman; Booz-Allen & Hamilton Inc.; 600 Maryland Ave., SW, Suite 302 West; Washington, D.C. 20024; phone (202) 488-1889 ext. 26, Fax (202) 479-4688. For more information about the symposium, call John Walker of Sparta Inc. 837-5282 (ext. 1528).

Soldier/NCO of Year luncheon

The Post Soldier/NCO of the Year luncheon will be held at the Challenger NCO Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Winners will be announced and awards presented. Tickets cost \$6, and can be purchased from your unit soldier of the year committee member or from the Challenger NCO Club. For more information, call SSgt. Ken LeBon 842-2328 or Sgt. Cathy McCoy 955-6030.

Talent/fashion show

C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion is sponsoring a talent/fashion show Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. "Singing, dancing, comedy and more; come one, come all." For more information, call Cpl. Andrea Spell 842-0582.

Car washes

Bravo Company: B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion will sponsor a car wash Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the AAFES Gas Station. All proceeds will benefit the Combined Federal Campaign and the Battalion Layette Set Program. **Charlie Company:** C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have a car wash Sept. 5 at the AAFES Gas Station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a CFC/unit fundraiser. Hotdogs will be sold at the car wash. For more information, call Cpl. Andrea Spell 842-0582.

Volksmarchers

If you are interested in Volksmarching, join the Outdoor Recreation Branch for a volksmarch club organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information, call Gail Glass 876-4868.

Blood drive

HHC 832nd Ordnance Battalion is sponsoring a blood drive. The blood drive will be at building 3412, the bay area, on Aug. 28 from 6 a.m. until noon. All are cordially invited. For more information, call 876-2717.

CWF golf tournament

The Civilian Welfare Fund will have its fourth annual golf tournament Aug. 29 at the Redstone Golf Course. The event will be shotgun started at 7:30 a.m., using a four-person team consisting of A, B, C and D players. Sign up early; the first 120 players have priority to play. Entry fee is \$12 a player, and should be paid at the time of registration. Deadline for registration is Aug. 26. For more information call Dean Anderson 876-9153, Dave Russell 842-6883 or Chip Enlow at the golf course 876-6888.

Army learning center

The North Army Learning Center, building 3349 on Little John Drive, will be closed Sept. 5-7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. For more information, call Donald B. Williams 876-9427/9416.

Calhoun students

All military personnel who need to take the math placement test to enroll in Calhoun College math courses are urged to stop by the Education Center, building 3222 prior to testing, the Education Center says.

West Point society

The Tennessee Valley West Point Society will hold a luncheon Sept. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers Club. The luncheon will be to welcome Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby and Brig. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen to the area. Also a short business meeting will be held. All graduates of the U.S. Military Academy are invited to attend. A flyer will be distributed by the end of August from the Society to indicate how to make reservations, or call Col. Arthur Meier 876-3382.

Self-help store

Effective Sept. 1, the Self-Help Store will change its hours to the following: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Girl Scouts

The Redstone Arsenal Girl Scouts will be registering new members at a parent meeting Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. Forms will be distributed at the schools. "We need volunteers for leaders." For more information, call Dorothy Hammond 722-0660.

Communication club

The Blue Ribbon International Training in Communication Club (formerly known as Toastmistress) is meeting at the Trinity Adult Center, 607 Airport Road every second and fourth Thursday at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be held Aug. 27. "ITC is an educational club for those interested in improving their self-confidence, communication, leadership and organizational skills." For more information, call 882-2664 or 883-1133.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Sister Act*, rated PG, 100 minutes. Friday — *Sister Act*. Saturday — *Batman Returns*, PG-13, 129 minutes. Sunday — *Batman Returns*. Tuesday — *Batman Returns*. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

College tests

The Education Center issued the following release: "As education counselors, our experience has shown that the following tests have a high pass rate among military personnel and retirees. This is especially true for senior NCOs and senior warrant officers: Geography, Organizational Behavior, History of Vietnam War, Introduction to Computers with Programming in BASIC, U.S. History I and II, Speech, Principles of Management, Western Civilization I and II, Technical Writing, Business Math, American Government, Introduction to the Middle East, and Contemporary Western Europe — 1946-90." The Education Center, building 3222, has pretests with study information for the aforementioned tests. There is no cost to active duty military personnel. There is a cost of \$25 to \$38 for civilians to take the tests. When test results are accepted by a college, the military will accept the number of semester hours awarded as promotion points.

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Friends of German Culture

The Friends of German Culture will hold a reception and slide show at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Space and Rocket Center Space Dome Lobby. Scheduled to attend are Joachim Saathoff of Peenemunde, Germany, and a television crew from Central German Broadcasting Service. RSVP by Aug. 28 by calling 534-5939 or send check for \$8 to 4119 Panorama Drive, Huntsville 35801.

Women's network

The Women's Network of Huntsville, the local affiliate of the National Association of Female Executives, will meet Thursday, Sept. 3 at the Huntsville Hilton. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6. Scheduled speaker is Becky Bergquist of the Huntsville Land Trust. Reservations can be made by calling 536-1527 prior to noon of the Tuesday preceding the Thursday meeting. For more information, call Juanita Stewart 726-6414 or Cheryl Crabb (evenings) 882-1341.

Troop bowling

An A&R Bowling meeting will be held at 4 this afternoon at the Recreation Center, building 3711. This meeting is for representatives from each military unit. For more information, call SFC James Stracke 876-7614 or 852-9535.

Fashion show

S&E Productions will have its second annual fashion show — including singing, dancing and food — Sept. 4 at Challenger NCO Club. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8. For ticket information, call Shelia Lee 721-1831 or the Challenger Club 837-0750.

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832nd family support

The 832nd Family Support Group will have its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Sept. 3 in the Post Chapel activity room. It is open to all family members and soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. Child care will be provided. September's program will be presented by the Outdoor Recreation Center and Arts and Crafts. "They will discuss the many fall opportunities that are available for soldiers, spouses, and children at the Outdoor Recreation Center and the Arts and Crafts building." For more information, call 876-0033.

Officers wives

The Officers Wives Club (OWC) Activities Signup Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the Officers Club. Sign up for your favorite activities at 10 a.m. and join the group for lunch at 11. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. "And the program will also feature ice-breaker games to help the ladies to get to know each other." Make reservations by noon Sept. 4 by calling Martha Owens 772-0659 or Sheila Wilson 882-6722. Hourly child care will be available at the Child Development Center Annex by calling 876-7952. Make child care reservations early to assure enough caregivers for that day.

Parents at home

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Bowlers

The Friday night EM mixed bowling league is seeking couples to bowl in the league. The first bowling night is Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. Sign up can be accomplished at the Redstone Arsenal bowling lanes or by calling Naomi Hodges, day 533-0915 night 883-2612.

Smoking cessation

Two group support sessions, open to former Smoking Cessation class participants, will be held from 1-2 p.m. Sept. 3 and Sept. 21 in the MEDDAC classroom at Fox Army Community Hospital.

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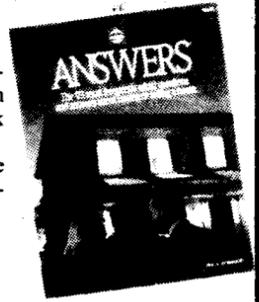
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