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Slightly high radon levels target of ongoing program

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Some family housing units here are being visited beginning this week under the Army's ongoing program to reduce radon levels which are slightly above EPA standards.

Sixty-seven units have been identified as having radon levels which should be reduced within the next five years. These levels pose no short-term hazard to residents. About 1,100 family housing units on post were sampled for radon with 90-day monitors in the summer of 1989.

The initial sampling indicated that 244 quarters were slightly above the recommended guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency. So, in accordance with Army policy, officials went back in the winter of 1989 and placed one-year monitors in these quarters. These longer term monitors give a more accurate picture of the radon level.

"The results from these one-year monitors indicate we still had 67 quarters that are slightly above the 4 level. According to Department of Army guidelines, something should be done to decrease these levels and that's what we're starting to do right now," said Dan Seaver, an environmental engineer with the Missile Command's Environmental Office. Army policy is that quarters with radon levels within the 4 to 20 range should have those levels reduced within five years. The mitigation period would be shorter for quarters with higher levels.

"Our levels on all these quarters that we're looking at now were between 4 and 15, so they're not very high," Seaver said. "A lot of these levels were just barely over the 5. We only had 13 that were in the 8-15 range."

Residents in the identified quarters have been notified that a contractor team will visit to conduct a survey on how the level in their quarters might best be



SURVEY VISIT — Joe Fleming, president of Environmental Nucleonics Inc., a subcontractor, checks a reading last week in a quarter. This was an air flow communications test in which a vacuum device 12 feet away was bringing air up from below the slab of the house. The idea is to determine whether a subslab depressurization system is the best way to reduce the radon level.

reduced. The survey at each unit takes about two and a half hours; this will involve some drilling into the slab in order to evaluate where any radon might be emitted and which mitigation technique would be most effective. This first phase of the mitigation effort should be completed by the end of this year.

"The next phase will be the actual installation of the mitigation systems that are determined to be most effective; and that should begin in the summer of 1993," Seaver said. "We feel confident that this mitigation effort will be successful. What units aren't completed during that summer will be completed possibly in the next fiscal year. We'll definitely meet the Army's five-year recommended time for mitigation."

Those residents who have been notified about the survey but have not yet called to schedule a time, should call Seaver at 876-6123. Someone should be at home when the contractor team visits. The radon mitigation contractor is Proctor/Davis/Ray Engineers Inc.

Radon is a radioactive gas which occurs in nature. "You can't see it, smell it or taste it; and it comes from the natural breakdown of uranium — what we call radioactive decay," Seaver said. "If it's present in the soil, it can seep into homes through cracks in the floor."

"Radon problems are based on long-term exposure; so, according to experts, as long as we mitigate these quarters within five years there should be no health hazards associated with these levels," he said.

There are 1,171 family housing units on post. Only 67 of the approximately 1,100 tested were identified as having radon levels which are slightly above the EPA standard of 4 picoCuries per liter of air. The highest level was 14.9 which is still within the 4-20 range. Questions about radon levels can be directed to Seaver at 876-6123.

Post honored for more than 70 percent use of seatbelts

Redstone Arsenal has received a national award for achieving a seatbelt usage rate of more than 70 percent.

The 70 Percent Plus award from the Department of Transportation was started by President Bush last year to recognize organizations and groups nationwide for attaining more than 70 percent use of safety belts.

"The idea is to get the whole country above 70 percent by the end of 1992," said Larry Nelson, highway safety coordinator for the City of Huntsville. Representing the Department of Transportation, he presented Redstone's award Friday to the post commander. Where smaller organizations such as schools would have an easier time attaining the 70-percent-plus rate, it is noteworthy for a large organization like Redstone to achieve this, Nelson said.

"We're the second leading state in the nation as far as getting those awards. We follow North Carolina," he said. "Huntsville leads the state; and Redstone Arsenal is a big, big part of that."

Redstone earned the award through two surveys conducted this year by the military police. MPs observed vehicles at locations throughout the Arsenal at various times. In each survey, 200 vehicles were observed, according to Sgt. Maj. Jeff Gilmore of the Provost Marshal Office. On March 25 some 157 out of 200 drivers were wearing seatbelts for about a 79 percent rate. On May 13 some 150 out of 200 drivers were wearing seatbelts for about 75 percent.

The 70 Percent Plus Safety Belt Use plaque was engraved with the signature of Thomas J. Enright, regional administrator for the Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"On behalf of Redstone Arsenal, I'm very happy to accept this plaque," said Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, upon receiving the award from Nelson.

Attendees at the award ceremony held in the general's conference room included costumed seatbelt advocates Vince and Larry as well as representatives

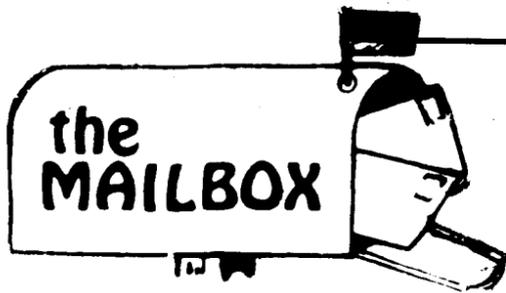
from the Huntsville Police Department and Redstone organizations.

In order to earn the award, two surveys of at least 100 vehicles each must be conducted a minimum of 30 days apart. Both surveys must show more than 70 percent of the drivers wearing seatbelts.

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ACCEPTING AWARD — Maj. Gen. Rigby accepts the 70 Percent Plus award from Nelson. Looking on are costumed seatbelt advocates Vince and Larry.



AMC reshaping

Editor's note: The following open letter to all AMC employees was signed by the commander of Army Materiel Command.

President Bush and Secretary of Defense Cheney have both said the Department of Defense will be reshaped over the next few years. Each service is taking action to comply with that direction.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command will not know the extent of the reshaping required until final manpower and funding guidance for FY 93 is received from the Department of the Army. In the meantime, the Command is conducting "what-if" drills to help us plan for whatever guidance will come. I want you to be aware of this planning effort because I know it will generate apprehension and rumors.

In the past three years, AMC has given up 1,600 military spaces, or 18 percent of the Command's military strength. On the civilian side, we have given up 19,000 spaces or 18 percent of our civilian strength. Almost half of these civilian positions were moved to other agencies when missions/functions were transferred. I think it's important to note that fewer than 200 civilians were involuntarily separated during this period.

I want to assure you that every effort will be made to lessen any further adverse impact on the AMC work force. I will keep you advised as the prospects for FY 93 become known.

AMC — America's Arsenal for the Brave.

Gen. Jimmy D. Ross
Commander,
Army Materiel Command

Answering machine

Editor:

It has happened again! A phone call to the MICOM library reaches the answering machine. I leave my name and number — two days later my call is returned. In the meantime I have contacted the IMMC library and a very courteous individual graciously gives me the information I need.

Unfortunately, this has happened many times in the past couple of years. I work in the policy office of our organization and it is frequently necessary for us to research regulations that we do not have on hand. We should be able to depend on the Command library to "be there for us." We are housed off post and when

our phone call gets the answering machine and we do not know when our call will be returned, it is not feasible to leave our work station, get in the car and drive the five or six miles to building 5250 and hope to find the library door open and a librarian on duty.

This Command has supposedly embraced the TQM philosophy; however, the Command library seems to have fallen behind in providing quality service and putting the customer first.

The IMMC library is first-rate. Why should our Command library be less than tops?

Name withheld by request

Necessary tool

Editor:

In regard to the letter submitted by Linda Tucker and Susan Walters appearing in the *Rocket* Oct. 14, I would like the opportunity to respond to the accusation that answering machines are "contributing to a deficit in excess of \$4 trillion." The responsibilities of my position here at Redstone requires me to travel extensively. Prior to an answering machine, all these two people would have gotten was an endless ringing telephone if they needed to reach me while I was TDY. I currently support four programs and the answering machine provides me the capability to be accessible to all the programs I support. I always check my messages several times per day when I can't be at my office and return all calls as soon as possible. I believe that my answering machine is a tool that helps me to perform my job more, not less, efficiently. I do not feel that my answering machine is an extravagance but a necessity and mission-essential to provide quality support for my programs. I think these two ladies should try to put themselves in other people's shoes instead of blanket criticism on something they obviously know little about — other people's business.

Also, I think that these two ladies need to get their facts straight. The interest on the budget deficit is approximately 14 percent of the total U.S. Government budget. The DoD budget is only approximately 21 percent. I also feel that they are not qualified to speak of extravagance when these two ladies probably wrote their letter to you, the editor, on Government time. How much did that cost?

Finally, they ask if we have secretaries. The answer is yes, our division of over 30 personnel has one secretary. With the tasks she must perform for the division chief, the supervisors, and the division personnel, she does not have the time to answer the telephone for the entire division. So, I believe these two ladies should ask themselves: would they rather leave a message on an answering machine and eventually get a response or just listen to the phone ring? It seems that these two feel that they are so important that someone should answer the telephone every time they call somewhere.

J. L. Griggs

Smoker's rights

Editor:

Well, the Fox has taken a bite out of us again. Smokers must go outside to smoke no matter what the weather. Not long ago this same issue came up; at that time we were given two places in the hospital to smoke. We smokers did not complain when we were put into small airless rooms; at least it was inside and not out in the bad weather. We never bothered anyone, we stayed to ourselves, we did not try to smoke around non-smokers; even outside we respected their space. But it seems that was not good enough, so out we go.

I guess we could all go to the free smoking classes, but guess what? If you're not military or a dependent, they will not give you the patches to help you quit smoking.

Whatever happened to the TQM (Total Quality Management) process? Why was a PAT (process action team) not formed?

I know it has been decided that smoking is a health hazard, but so is red meat and chocolate — it causes high cholesterol. Does this mean someone is going to take away the food I eat because it might make me have a heart attack? Some would say it's not the same, but what it comes down to is an individual's right to choose.

I work and pay for the cigarette as well as pay extra taxes for the privilege of smoking. Can someone explain to me why a non-smoker has more rights than I

do, why their right to choose not to smoke is more important than my rights? If you don't like smoking, stay away from us; but don't take our areas away.

Belinda Ricks

Fox Army Community Hospital

(Editor's note: Col. Percy Dunagin, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, provided the following response. "I can appreciate the feeling of being unfairly treated in regards to the smoking issue. It was only a few years ago that non-smokers were subjected with little recourse to the unpleasant and deadly atmosphere produced by smokers. Fox Army Community Hospital is moving to implement a policy that all hospitals in the United States are moving toward. Firstly, we are making a strong statement of support for reducing the \$80 billion annual cost and the untold misery and death caused in this country by smoking, considered the No. 1 public health problem in the United States. Recently, scientific research has shown that even passive tobacco smoke inhalation is a danger to non-smokers, unlike the danger from overeating or poor diet, which affects only the individual indulging. Secondly, we are positioning this hospital to comply with the mandate by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Hospital Organizations, of which all Army hospitals are a member, to eliminate smoking entirely from all buildings devoted to health care. I regret any hardship that this move causes to our employees. We feel, however, that our efforts to discourage smoking will be appreciated by a majority of smokers, in spite of the inconvenience caused by this latest move. Certainly smokers will not need to stand in the rain to smoke during their breaks, since we have an adequate number of covered shelters available. Also we do offer frequent smoking cessation classes at considerable expense to the government. Regrettably we cannot fund the gums and patches used to discourage smoking for civilian employees. Smokers should consider this small additional expense as an investment which will pay rich dividends in increased longevity and health.")

CFC issues

Editor:

Several issues have surfaced during this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and used as reasons for not participating. None of these issues are valid for the Tennessee Valley CFC.

The first issue concerns the refusal of the United Way of the Bay Area in San Francisco, Calif., to fund the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America is currently a member of good standing in the United Way of Madison County and other United Ways in north Alabama, and receives funding from those United Ways. Local United Ways have no plans or reasons to terminate funding relationships with the Boy Scouts. The United Way of Madison County currently funds the Scouts at a level of \$183,575.

The local United Ways are not in any way connected to the United Way of the Bay Area in San Francisco. Decisions made by that United Way do not affect the local United Ways. Local United Ways are autonomous organizations. All decisions on fundraising and fund allocations are made by local volunteers and approved by a local volunteer Board of Directors. These volunteers are independent of other United Ways in other communities. Contributions to local United Ways fund only local programs, unless otherwise specified by the contributor.

The second issue concerns the United Way of America and the recent investigation into their management practices, e.g., excessive salaries, using chauffeured limousines, etc. If you do not want to give to the United Way of America because of these allocations, "designate" your gift to the agency of your choice. Your gift will go to the agency you designate and that agency only. None of your money will go to the United Way of America. This also applies to any agency you don't like that is listed in the brochure. If you don't like them, don't give them any of your money. Simply designate your gift to an agency you like. The choice is yours. When you designate, only the specific agency or federation you choose receives your gift.

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Halloween should be safe as well as fun for kids

Editor's note: Halloween trick-or-treating hours in the Redstone housing areas Saturday are 6 to 8 p.m. The following news release on Halloween safety came from the Alabama Poison Center.

Halloween may be the most fun celebration of the year for kids but parents are the key to a safe celebration, says the director of the Alabama Poison Center.

The center is a free medical telephone resource for accidental poisonings. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

According to John Fisher, doctor of pharmacy, parents are important in helping their children have a safe Halloween. "Prior planning by parents for the 'big night' can determine its success or failure for children.

"If you are not comfortable with your child going trick or treating in the neighborhood, plan a party that keeps the kids at home," he said. "Fixing hot dogs, or favorite kid sandwiches for dinner; letting guests wrap a child with toilet paper — 'wrap the mummy'; bobbing for apples; decorating black half masks with sequins, feathers, and scraps of cloth materials; face painting; having a treasure hunt through the house... these are just a few ideas for Halloween parties. You might even give each guest a trick or treat package to take home when the party is over."

If your child is planning to trick or treat, some simple precautions beforehand can help make the evening a safe one as well as fun, according to Fisher. "Talk with your older children before they go out and work out the basic rules. Where will they go? When will they come home? Insist that all candy be brought home and inspected *before* it is eaten. You might want to send along a bag of treats that will help them hold off eating the treats until you have a chance to check them."

Fisher went on, "If you are concerned about what your children will receive from others, it makes sense that what you give out is what you would like your own kids to receive. All candy should be sealed in its original packaging. You should have to tear it open to get to the candy. The wrapper should not have holes in it. No homemade treats unless the parents all know you.

"Pencils, stickers, hair ribbons, shiny pennies, even an instant picture taken at the door of the child in costume... these are all alternatives to candy," he said.

Fisher changed the subject to costume safety. He said costumes should be short enough to prevent tripping, light enough to be seen easily and be flame resistant.

"Wearing a mask can interfere with the child's ability to see when crossing streets or climbing up and



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- Inspect your kids' Halloween treats first.
- Don't eat all the good stuff yourself.

down stairs. Face painting is an alternative to a mask," he said.

If you plan to decorate with Jack-O-Lanterns on the front steps, Fisher suggested using a flashlight inside the pumpkin. "That way if a bunch of children arrive together, no one's costume runs the risk of brushing by a flame."

One last suggestion from Fisher is to go out early and finish early. "Halloween is an exciting time for children. It needs to be paced to the child's age. For the very young, dressing up and walking around with Mom and Dad to a few houses in the neighborhood is perfect. Obviously, older kids can stay out longer. But I've seen some kids dragging home a pillow case of candy almost like this is *the* night to get stocked up for the year. They must have been roaming for hours to collect that much 'loot'. What usually happens is that most of the candy gets thrown out in a few weeks."

Fisher concluded by saying, "If you have questions about your children's trick or treats, give the Alabama Poison Center a call at 1-800-462-0800. We'll be here to help you."

Cutbacks coming, congressman says

The ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee warned government officials and contractors here last week of coming major cuts in defense spending.

Rep. William Dickinson of Alabama, who is retiring after serving in the Congress since 1964, said the immediate future — regardless of who is elected president — "doesn't look too good" for defense.

"We could make it sound rosy but the truth is it's just not so," he told about 400 attendees of MICOM's annual Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry.

"Defense spending is going to drop in favor of domestic spending."



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Children's storybook gives positive view of Army family

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A female soldier and an Army wife have published a children's book about a boy whose mom is a soldier. SFC Rebecca Allison, of Readiness Group Redstone, wrote "My Mother Wears Army Boots" and Circe Woessner did the illustrations. They hope to sell their 14-page book locally.



PUBLISHED BOOK — SFC Rebecca Allison, the author, holds the book "My Mother Wears Army Boots." Circe Woessner, who did the illustrations, holds her son Iain.

They met in mid-August when Woessner had a concession booth at the Post Exchange where she was selling her watercolors and showing some of the books she had illustrated. They talked for more than an hour. Allison, 40, mentioned that she had always wanted to write a book; and Woessner replied that if Allison wrote one, she would illustrate it.

"Then I went back and started doing rough drafts on it. It took me about two weeks before I got it where I really wanted it," Allison recalled. She gave Woessner a handwritten draft, then returned the next day with a typed version from a laser printer. Woessner penned her illustrations directly on each page, and any corrections were made with white-out.

The book was illustrated in three days. "I've had practice. I've done 22 books and I usually go morning to night without stopping," Woessner said. "Once I'm on a project, I just keep going until it's done."

Woessner, 29, the wife of Capt. William Woessner, started illustrating books while in Germany in 1989. First she illustrated a children's book for a teacher in Heidelberg; then that teacher told another teacher at the school who had Woessner illustrate 18 children's songbooks. Word was passed to a professor in Darmstadt who asked Woessner to illustrate an adult comic book. "Once the well dried up, I thought, I got a phone call at my home in Germany — I was there for

four years — from a German woman who said you don't know me and I don't know you and I've never seen your work, but my friend saw your work in Heidelberg and she thought it'd be good if I got you to illustrate my husband's book I'm writing for his birthday," Woessner recalled. All but one of the books she has illustrated have been children's books.

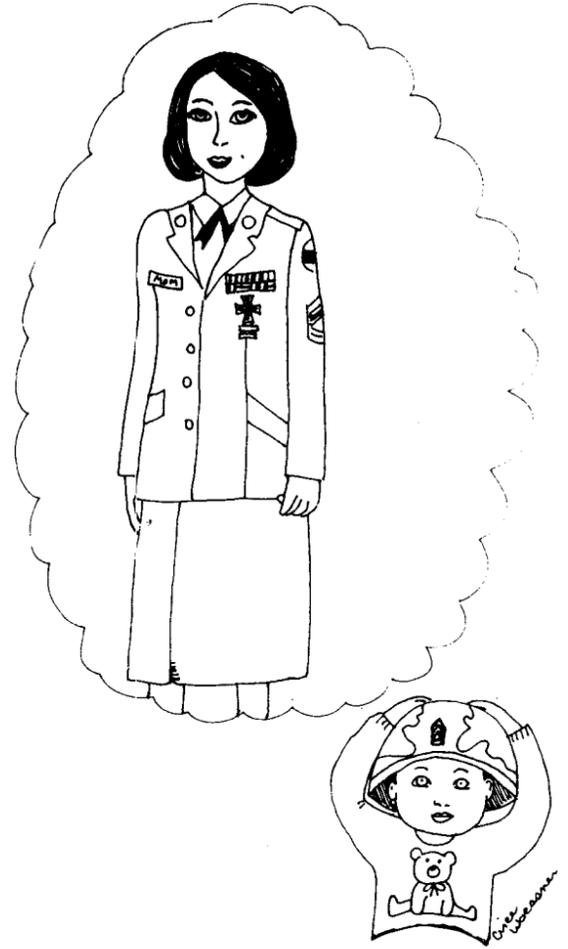
Allison, a food service assister with the Readiness Group, is a newcomer to the book business. "I've written some poems, some short stories. I never have attempted a children's book before," Allison said. "I just realized there was not a children's book like this, so I just decided to do it myself."

Written from the view of a boy whose mother is a soldier, the book offers a positive look at life in the military. It can serve as both a storybook and coloring book for youngsters.

"My Mother Wears Army Boots': I picked that (title) because it used to be an insult and it isn't any more. And it shouldn't be," Allison said. With nearly 19 years in the Army, the Birmingham native wrote from her family's experience. Allison and her husband, Mack, a computer clerk at the Space and Strategic Defense Command, have two sons: Mack IV, 13, and David, 4. She plans to retire with 20 years in 1994 and remain in Huntsville; and she hopes to continue writing and to pursue a teaching career. "Mom sure looks different from other peoples' moms when she comes to my school," states one page of the book. "She wears combat boots!"

Woessner has been painting in oils and selling her work since the tender age of 7. She was born in France and raised in Germany; her parents worked overseas with the defense family members' schools. During her husband's tour in Germany, Woessner illustrated the children's puzzle pages for the *Window Shopping* monthly magazine from 1989-91. She also taught school there. She and her husband have two sons: Erik, 7, and Iain, 2.

Besides illustrating children's books, Woessner also does seasonal pamphlets for parents and child care providers which have children's art projects. And she does paper dolls for children to color. Anyone in-



terested in buying these or the book, can call Allison at 882-0738. The book costs \$6; delivery is free within the Huntsville area. For mailing, any additional charge is negotiable.

"It's an upbeat look at the (military family) lifestyle. It's a positive look," Allison said.

Like the boy says on the final page of the book: "I'm proud of my Army mom. I think I'll be a good soldier when I grow up — just like Mom."

Five OMMCS workers receive recognition

Five civilians at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School were honored Oct. 19 for their work.

The OMMCS honorees were Gary R. Taylor, Larry Bland, Ellen Culver, Nancy Hornbuckle and Waldon Tarpley.

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion recognized them for superior performance of duty in their positions in the battalion and at OMMCS.

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Redstone retiree still jogging after all these years

Anyone looking for inspiration for staying in shape in their later years need look no further than at a 69-year-old Redstone retiree who is an avid runner.

Joe Robertson, who retired from NASA and then from BAMSI support contractor, has logged 20,000 miles on the Army's "Run For Your Life" program since 1974. The years haven't stopped his running, nor has heart surgery or a knee operation.

Robertson received a certificate and patch for the Army Materiel Command's Run For Your Life "20,000 mile club" Oct. 21 at Pagano Gym. The presentation was made by Mike Chemsak, chief of the community recreation division, and Ted Compoc, sports director.

"I just love to run, really I do," Robertson said. He worked for BAMSI for three and a half years after retiring from NASA. The southeast Huntsville resident runs about 20 miles per week.

To what does he attribute his running longevity? "Blessings of the Lord is one of the things. And pretty good health. I've had six bypasses and one knee operation. I was running again in four weeks after (bypass) surgery," he said.

Robertson had his six bypasses in one operation in 1985. "Dr. Riley was my doctor; he runs, too," Robertson said.



RUNNER'S AWARD — From left are Chemsak, Compoc, and Robertson, an avid runner who earned the "20,000 mile club" certificate and patch from the Army Materiel Command.

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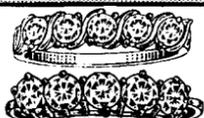
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Volunteers help meet needs at Bicentennial Chapel

BY SKIP VAUGHN

More volunteers are needed at Bicentennial Chapel: people willing to serve as ushers, help with landscaping, and advise the chaplains. In other words, the chapel needs more people like Joe Carlton.



CARLTON

Carlton, a retired colonel, has been doing volunteer work at the chapel since 1980. Others should be willing to serve, too, because there are plenty of needs to fill, according to Carlton.

"I feel there is a need here and there's a vacuum to be filled. And if I can help fill that vacuum to just a small degree, then I'll feel I'll be fulfilling what God put me on earth to do," he said.

There are six teams of ushers at the chapel, with at least four members per team. Other volunteer needs include buildings and grounds; this consists of helping with flowers, mowing the grass, cleaning leaves from the gutters, and making suggestions for safety within

the facility. "We try to observe what needs to be done," Carlton said. "We're more or less the eyes and ears."

Bicentennial Chapel volunteers are also needed for the choir, service as layreaders, membership in youth or adult organizations, assisting as office workers, and involvement with the parish council. The parish council is a chapel advisory group which meets the first Monday of each month.

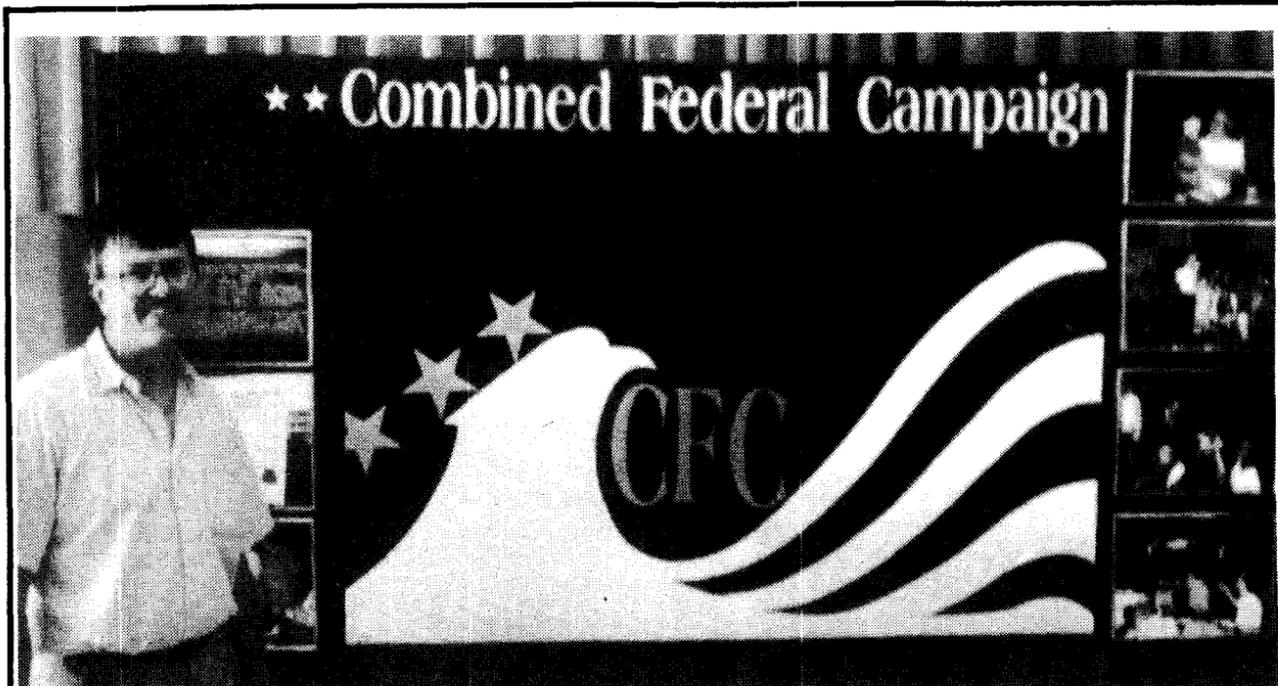
Carlton, 73, serves as the usher coordinator and as chairman of buildings and grounds. He wants the spotlight placed on the need for volunteers at the chapel — not on his own involvement. "The main thing is to get the people to volunteer and come and help make the chapel one of the best in the U.S. Army — or in the whole world," he said.

A native of Richard City, Tenn., Carlton retired

from the Army Reserve in 1979. Most of his 36 years of military service was Reserve duty; his two stints on active duty were during World War II and the Korean conflict. He also had 37 years of civil service, some of which was concurrent with his military service. Carlton retired in 1981 from Marshall Space Flight Center as a supervisory aerospace engineer. He and his wife, Eva, have seven children and eight grandchildren. His hobbies include woodworking, photography and playing tennis.

"If we have a love of God in our hearts, we're going to do all we can do to follow the footprints of Christ as we go through life," Carlton said.

Anyone interested in volunteering at Bicentennial Chapel can call 876-5707. Those who would like to serve as ushers or with buildings and grounds, can call Carlton 539-7903.



CFC DISPLAY — Mike Boecking, an illustrator at the Integrated Materiel Management Center, stands next to the Combined Federal Campaign display he did for the lobby of building 5250. He designed it so that it can be reused each year.

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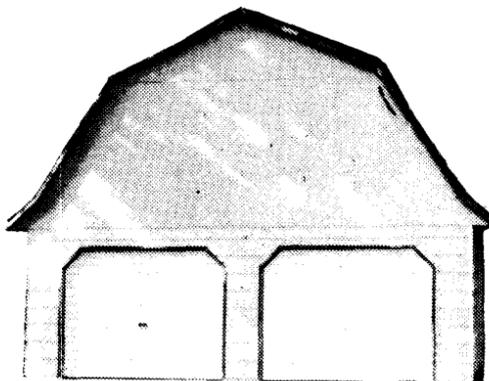
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BY SANDA MARTEL

Friendly reminders can be helpful, and every so often it's necessary to remind employees of long-standing policy. In the case of charging personal long-distance calls to the government, employees can receive written reprimands, or if violations continue, removal from their jobs.

Several recent cases have found evidence of a few employees making excessive personal long-distance calls and charging them to the government, according to officials in MICOM's Legal Office.

Once phone logs show evidence of abuse, the employee is asked to "cease and desist" and reimburse the government for the charges.

"More often than not, it's self-correcting," according to David Points, an attorney in the Legal Office.

If an employee doesn't refrain from the abuse, that's when supervisors have the responsibility to take formal disciplinary action, Points said.

"The policy is unchanged; it's always been illegal to make personal long-distance calls on government WATTS lines," he said.

In addition to the prohibition contained in Army

Regulation 25-1 (Interim Change No. 101), employees are also required twice yearly to read and sign that they understand the provisions of Army Regulation 600-50, Standards of Conduct, section 2-4. That regulation also forbids the use of government property for personal use.

Personal calls from government telephones are allowed in certain circumstances. For example, to speak to a spouse or minor children or to arrange for emergency repairs to residence or automobile that must be made during working hours over the commercial local/long distance network are authorized and considered in the interest of the government, provided they meet the following criteria:

- The calls do not adversely affect employee's performance or his/her organization.
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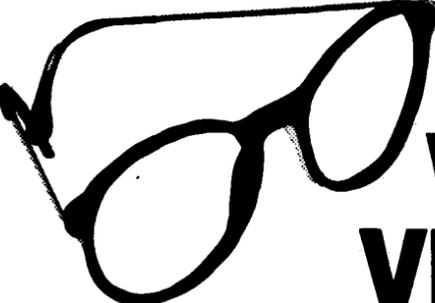
to the employee's home phone number or other non-government number, to an 800 toll-free number, be a collect call, or charged to a personal telephone credit card.

The Missile Command has a procedure in place to identify long distance abusers, according to Sharon Miller, chief of Logistics Support Division at MICOM's Corporate Information Center.

Each month all outgoing WATTS calls are "trapped" and logged by number the call was placed from, number called, city and state called, number of minutes and amount of charge. Those reports are sent out to organizations that request them.

"We used to send them to all offices, but management complained that it took too much time to certify the report," Miller said.

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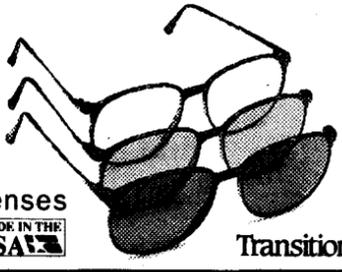
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Group offers support for Army people in transition

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A support group for military and civilian people experiencing career transition is meeting the first Monday of each month at the Bicentennial Chapel.

The Redstone Arsenal community Transition Support Group will have its next meeting Monday, Nov. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. Beginning in December, the group's meeting times will change to 1:30 until 2:30 p.m.

"The group is a self-help group comprised of military, civilians and family members who are going through and making changes in their careers," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David McLean. "Some of the changes are normal and have been planned for — such as normal retirements, etc. — while others are a result of the reshaping and redefining of our mission in the military community and Department of Defense.

"We see in the *Army Times*, hear on the news and read in our local newspapers (about) the changing mission. There are incentives such as possible 15-year retirements and lump sum payments that are having people relook their career goals," McLean said. "The transition support group is supported by the Department of Defense, MICOM, OMMCS and the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity through such programs as the Chaplains Office, the Army Career and Alumni Program, and Army Community Service."

At its meetings the support group has various guest speakers and programs that address particular issues such as stress management, financial planning, and family adjustments. "The group serves not only as a supporting network, but also has been very beneficial to some in employment networking," McLean said.

"This is a self-help group in which those who have already transitioned through various aspects of their life as well as those who are anticipating or choosing

transitions can more creativity help in making positive changes. As we all know, as long as we are alive we're changing; and the main thing we want to do is make positive changes and enable growth in both individuals, families and community. The group deals with issues, both secular and spiritual," he said.

The November meeting will include a 25-minute videotape entitled "The Business of Paradigms: Visions of the Future" by Joel Barker. "He's one of the

leading experts in enabling people to do business differently than what we've done in the past; he is a noted futurist that reminds us that we have great potential and hope for the future," McLean said. Child care will be provided at this meeting. For more information about the transition support group, call McLean at Bicentennial Chapel 876-5707; or call Ramona Roy, the transition services manager with the Army Career and Alumni Program, at the ACAP Office 955-6487.

ACAP the first stop for transitioning personnel

Editor's note: The following release is from the Army Career and Alumni office at Redstone.

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is a comprehensive program designed to provide transition and job assistance services to the Army family — soldiers, Department of Army civilians and family members.

It's the "umbrella" organization that synchronizes current transition services and adds to selected installations a Transition Assistance Office, and contracted Job Assistance Center. Here at Redstone the ACAP office is located in room 144, building 3433 on Aerobee Road.

The Transition Assistance Office personalizes and customizes a road map to direct you and your family through the transition process at least 180 days prior to separation. It should be your first stop, offering a mechanism to ensure quality retention; an individual transition plan for soldier/civilian and family; and counseling on the effect of career change. The Job Assistance Center is a contracted service, providing workshops to assist in job preparation and search. Individual career counseling, resume preparation, access to national employers, and referral to external job assistance agencies is provided. You should leave the ACAP with an individual transition plan, a carefully crafted resume, a list of potential employers, the skill to uncover more job leads and the confidence to get the best job available.

There are 62 ACAP sites worldwide to assist you in the transition process. To start the process here at Redstone, call the Transition Assistance Office at 955-6490 for an appointment no later than 180 days before leaving federal service.

832nd's Hispanic events a success

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion's "Hispanic Saturday" events Oct. 17 raised \$212 for the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Activities included a 5K/10K run, a dominoes tournament, and a Latin disco party. The events were sponsored by the 832nd Ordnance Battalion Hispanic Committee as part of the celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month and as a fund-raiser.

"This was the first time that the battalion put something together (for Hispanic Heritage Month); and definitely, with the feedback we got, we're going to do it on a yearly basis," said Capt. Anibal Mulero, chairman of the committee and commander of C Company. Each company had a representative on the committee.

Seventy-six people, including soldiers and civilians, participated in the 5K/10K road races. In the 5K (3.1 mile) team competition, C Company won followed by A Company. Top finishers in the 5K included William Pierce in 18 minutes and 13 seconds, James Alfrey 18:36, Willie Williams 18:49 and Steven Beam 18:59. Bruce Mann won the 10K in 35:27.

The 500-point, double-elimination Dominoes Tournament took place at the Recreation Center. The winning team was SSgt. Edgard Cedeno and SSgt. Geraldo Colon; the runner-up team consisted of SSgt. Eduardo Rodriguez and SFC Jose Santos.

Celebrations culminated with a Latin disco party at the Enlisted Club. About 250 soldiers and civilians packed the club that night, with dancing until early that Sunday morning.

CFC past 56 percent as of second week

Two weeks into the annual charity drive, the Combined Federal Campaign is more than halfway to its \$1,265,000 goal.

CFC had collected \$716,024 for 56.5 percent of the goal by Friday. This marked the second week total for the campaign scheduled to conclude Nov. 13.

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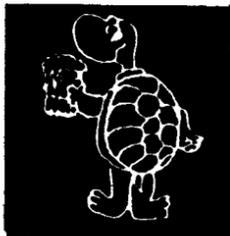
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Reduced range rocket improves MLRS test firings

A new training round for the Multiple Launch Rocket System that will allow practice firing at many more sites by reducing attendant range hazards has done well in tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The M28A1 Reduced Range Practice Rocket, or RRPR, has a blunt nose that introduces ballistic drag to cut flight distance and also provides for ground rather than air burst detonation, thereby making it safe to fire on cannon artillery ranges.

Heretofore, not many ranges could accommodate live-fire MLRS training because of flight distance and impact area requirements of the existing M28 practice rocket.

Since the RRPR can be fired on smaller ranges, the number of firing points for MLRS mission training is increased significantly. The 7th Army Training Center at Grafenwoehr, Germany, for example, has only one MLRS firing point but will be able to use five additional firing points with the introduction of RRPR.

There were three RRPRs successfully fired at White Sands on Oct. 1 and three more on Oct. 8. The ballistic drag of the blunt nose coupled with software changes keeps the impact of the RRPR under 15 kilometers (9.3 miles) and therefore suited to firing on cannon artillery ranges. Upon impact, the RRPR detonates a smoke cartridge to signal observers.

The RRPR uses the same motor and has the same physical characteristics as the MLRS tactical rocket. An RRPR simulates a tactical launch in all respects, including the same firing prompts from the software.

According to Maj. Robert Arnone, MLRS assistant project manager for development and lead manager for the RRPR, a 30-rocket test program will continue through February to qualify the new test rocket for release to MLRS units. Following analysis of test results, cut-in to the production line and acceptance by the government, the first RRPR deliveries will be made in November 1993.

He said the Army and the MLRS contractor, Loral-

Vought Systems Corp., cooperated to bring about the RRPR even though there were no funds available for a development program.

The contractor had begun independent development of a reduced-range, lower-cost practice rocket. Then a

value engineering change proposal was signed in March to incorporate the RRPR in which the government agreed to reimburse Loral-Vought's development costs, fund additional testing and share savings of approximately \$4.6 million with the contractor.



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Charlie Company wins military 5K race

C Company runners won the Commander's Cup 5K (3.1 mile) road race Saturday in the first of what is to become an annual event.

Nine companies participated in the military-only run which has been incorporated into the Commander's Cup sports competition. Each team consisted of 12 runners including a female.

The total time for each team was divided by 12, giving the team average time. C Company was first with a team average of 19 minutes and 37 seconds. The NCO Academy placed second with 19:40 followed by E Company 20:41, HHC MICOM 21:15, D Company 21:18, Marine Corps Detachment 21:54; F Company and TMDE Support Group, tied for seventh place with 21:58; and B Company in ninth place with 23:21.

C Company runners and their times included Anibal Mulero 21:06, Barry McGuire 19:39, Carl Miller 18:01, James Alfrey 17:33, David White 19:23, Alex Lee 18:37, Steven Beam 17:58, Garvin Ficklin 19:02,

Derri Thompson 22:27, Andrea Spell 21:50, Joseph Romero 19:13 and Robert Tucker 18:24.

Bruce Mann of the NCO Academy was first across the finish line in 15:55. John Quinlan of MEDDAC placed second in 16:10. For males age 35 and above, Dennis Wegman of Marine Corps Detachment won in 18:09 followed by Fred Ledfors of HHC MICOM in 18:11.

The top female finishers were Couretta Sirmans of HHC 832nd in 19:56, and Vanessa Weissman of E Company in 20:42.

"Excellent race for the first time; excellent, excellent race. A lot of support," said Ted Compoc, sports director. About 150 runners participated.

"I don't think the weather could've been more perfect. It wasn't hot, it wasn't cold. A lot of favorable remarks, especially since this was the first time running," Compoc said. "So, Charlie Company is off and running."

Soldiers urged to attend dental plan briefing

Soldiers eligible for the Family Member Dental Insurance Plan are encouraged to attend a briefing Oct. 30.

The briefing will be held at 9:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Post Theater. Jerry Sermons, the Delta area representative for the Southeast region, is to visit Redstone from San Antonio, Texas, to conduct the sessions.

"The post sergeant major wants it to be mandatory for all eligible soldiers to attend one of the briefings," said SFC Paul Schneck, the chief dental NCO for Redstone.

The Family Member Dental Insurance Plan (FMDIP) is for family members (of soldiers on active duty) residing in the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. Minimum enrollment is two years. The plan offers active-duty family members such preventive and diagnostic services as routine oral examinations, dental X-rays, fluoride treatments and 80 percent of the cost of fillings for a small monthly deduction from the soldier's basic pay.

The Army pays 60 percent of the monthly premium. The cost to soldiers is 40 percent. The single premium rate is \$5.20, and the multiple family member rate is \$10.

Either Redstone Arsenal dental clinic can advise soldiers on what services are covered by the FMDIP and how to choose an off-post dentist.

Sparkman construction site off-limits

The tract of land east of MICOM headquarters building where the Sparkman Center is being built has been closed to recreational use.

This particularly affects small game hunters who had used the northern wooded portion of the tract and those who flew model airplanes in the open field next to building 5250.

"This is a hard hat zone and it is mandatory that only individuals with direct involvement in engineering or construction visit this area unless escorted," cautioned Roger Schwerman of Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

The affected area includes all the land between Neal

and Martin Roads and Patton and Burose Roads, totaling 180 acres.

For the present time, those who want to fly model airplanes may use the athletic fields at the Tennessee River recreation area, Schwerman said.

Also as a result of Sparkman construction, the parking lot east of building 5250 will close soon so that the contractor can use it as a staging area. A new parking lot will be constructed on the west side of the building. When this happens, traffic patterns will change so that there will be two-way traffic behind and on both sides of the building.



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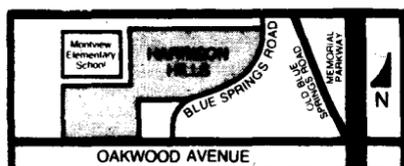


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Colorado should have frightening visit to Nebraska

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Colorado Buffaloes travel to Nebraska this weekend in a showdown in the Big Eight Conference.

Colorado has six wins, no losses and a tie with Oklahoma. Nebraska enters this contest with five wins and a loss to Washington.

Last year the score was Colorado 19, Nebraska 19. The home field gives the Cornhuskers a slight edge this time. The pick here is... **Nebraska.**

Skip's Picks had a 27-10 record last week, bringing the season totals to 196-79-5 for 71 percent. Here are my picks for selected games this week in major college football:

- Colorado at Nebraska — Neb. by 7.
- Arkansas at Auburn — Auburn by 6.
- Ala. A&M vs. Ala. State — State by 14.
- Georgia vs. Florida — Georgia by 4.
- Stanford at Washington — Wash. by 7.
- Utah at Air Force — AF by 7.
- N. Mexico St. at Arizona — Ariz. by 21.
- USC at Arizona State — USC by 4.
- E. Michigan at Army — Army by 3.
- Temple at Boston College — BC by 24.
- Penn State at Brigham Young — PS by 10.
- UCLA at California — Cal by 7.
- Louisville at Cincinnati — 'Ville by 6.
- Clemson at Wake Forest — Clemson by 7.
- San Diego St. at Colo. St. — SDS by 5.
- Duke at Georgia Tech — Ga. Tech by 14.
- So. Miss. at E. Carolina — EC by 7.
- Hawaii at Texas-El Paso — Hawaii by 3.
- TCU at Houston — Houston by 7.
- Illinois at Wisconsin — Wis. by 4.
- Indiana at Minnesota — Ind. by 10.
- Ohio State at Iowa — OS by 7.
- Missouri at Iowa State — IS by 3.
- Okla. State at Kansas — Kansas by 10.
- Kansas St. at Oklahoma — Oklahoma by 21.
- Miss. State at Kentucky — Ky. by 3.
- LSU at Ole Miss — Ole Miss by 14.
- N. Carolina at Maryland — NC by 7.



- Memphis State at Tulane — MS by 4.
- W. Virginia at Miami — Miami by 17.
- Michigan at Purdue — Mich. by 21.
- Mich. St. at Northwestern — NW by 7.
- Notre Dame vs. Navy — ND by 30.
- Oregon at Wash. State — WS by 14.

- Pittsburgh at Syracuse — Syracuse by 13.
- Va. Tech at Rutgers — Rutgers by 4.
- Tennessee at So. Carolina — Tenn. by 7.
- Texas A&M at SMU — Texas A&M by 14.
- Texas at Texas Tech — Texas by 7.
- Florida State at Virginia — FSU by 17.

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Officers Wives Club has fashionable evening

More than 100 people attended an evening of fall fashions which was presented Oct. 13 by the Officers Wives Club.

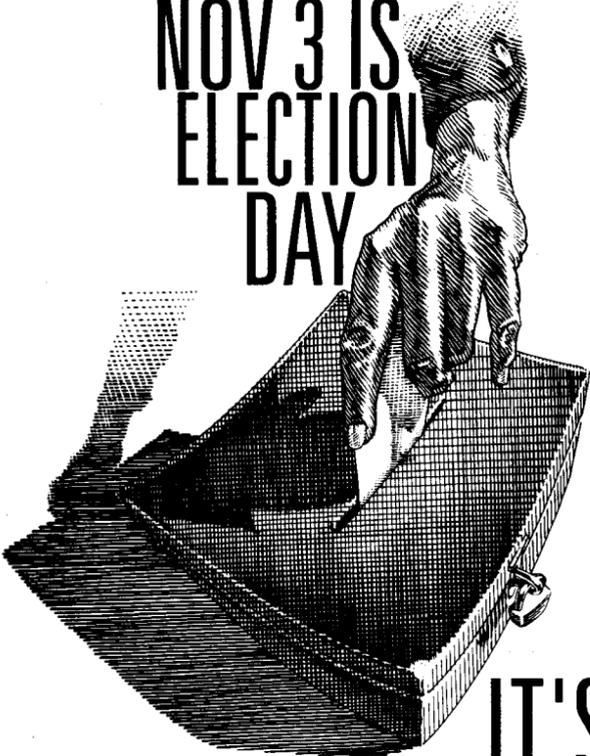
The "Fall Fashion and Beauty Imaging Show" was coordinated and sponsored by Jan Harmon, image consultant for BeautiControl Cosmetics. OWC members modeled clothing from Encore! Encore! and European Boutique. Jewelry and accessories were pro-

vided by Fran Williams, a teacher from Grissom High School.

Models included Leah Amato, Debbie Behel, Betty Cochran, Bev D'Anna, Jean Ennis, Martha Fisher, Stephanie Henderson, Marianna Liberatore, Tess McKaig, Donna Ramsey, Rebecca Reynolds and Betsy Walker.

Held at the Officers Club, this was the first evening function of OWC's 1992-93 year. The Officers Wives Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Its luncheon Nov. 10 will feature a physical fitness program for "A Healthier You."

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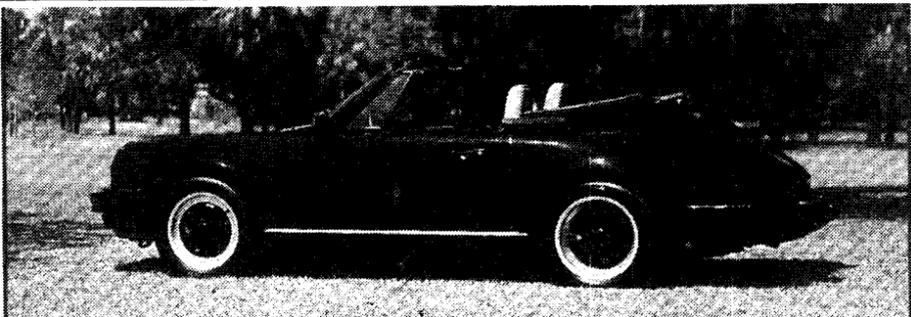
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Forces Command chaplain slated for prayer breakfast

The colonel who served as the senior military chaplain for U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf is the scheduled speaker for the monthly prayer breakfast Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Chaplain (Col.) David Peterson, the Forces Command chaplain at Fort McPherson, Ga., is to address the prayer breakfast set for 6-7 a.m. at the Enlisted Club. Ticket cost is a \$2 donation; tickets are available at no cost for specialists and below. Those interested in attending this postwide event should see their first sergeant or call Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Logan at the Post Chapel 876-5751.

"It's a unique worship experience in which we have the welcome by the honor company — which this time



PETERSON

will be Alpha Company, 832nd — and we have prayer and the speaker," Logan said. Attendance at the monthly prayer breakfast is usually about 300.

"I'd like to encourage all to come and enjoy the most unique worship service on post," Logan said.

Peterson, 51, is a native of Lemmon, S.D. He received his bachelor's degree from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Tenn., in 1962. He continued

his Seminary studies at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, receiving a master's of divinity in 1965 and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in July 1965. Peterson joined the Army Reserve in 1964 and attended the Basic Chaplain's course from June through August of that year. In November 1965 he entered active duty with the 40th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C. In August 1966 he was assigned to the 86th Signal Battalion and went to Vietnam with the unit.

Peterson was assigned as chaplain for Reserve affairs in the office of the FORSCOM chaplain at Fort McPherson in July 1989. On Aug. 23, 1990 he was attached for temporary duty with the U.S. Central Command as command staff chaplain where he served as the senior military chaplain of all Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force chaplains in the Persian Gulf. In October 1990 Peterson was selected to become the Forces Command chaplain upon conclusion of his duty in Southwest Asia, April 21, 1991. His appointment became effective May 1, 1991.

He and his wife, Sandy, have three children: Jeff, Fort Bliss, Texas; J'Lane, a student at Covenant College; and Julie, a sophomore at the University of Georgia.

Peterson's awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

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Editor's note: This news release came from the Civilian Personnel Office.

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To request information in the following areas,

Carpool parking permits should be sought now

Applications are now being taken for 1993 carpool parking permits. The 1992 permits expire Jan. 31 and parking program officials urge renewal now so that there will be plenty of time to process new permits.

A carpool must have three or more members to qualify for reserved parking. To apply, obtain an SMI Form 1231 from your building custodian and complete it and send to Bobby Noles at AMSMI-RA-EH-MP. Your parking permit will be mailed to you.

please call the point of contact and phone number as listed here:

- **Life/health insurance:** Dawn Seckinger 842-9277; for RDEC personnel, Tammy Walker or Linda Loy 876-5296/842-8650.
- **Workman's Compensation:** Peggy McMillan 842-9287.
- **Thrift Savings:** Servicing personnel actions clerk 842-9277.
- **Retirement/notification of employee's death:** Doris Gable 876-3902.
- **Appointment to review OPF:** Sue Pearce 876-5794; for RDEC personnel, Tammy Walker or Linda Loy 876-5296/842-8650.
- **Incentive Awards:** Linda Thomas or Wanda Price 876-8134/8135.
- **Talent Bank:** Carolyn Bulman 876-1588.
- **Performance Management System suspense:** Willie Turner 842-9290.
- **Job information:** Bernadette Braxton 876-7510.
- **Handicapped Program:** Olene McGowen 842-8775.
- **Lateral/Change to Lower Grade Program:** Sue McMahan 876-4977.
- **Priority Placement Program:** Sue McMahan 876-4977.
- **Leave Policy and Voluntary Leave Program:** Jean Grisham or Donna Davis 876-1912/842-8735.
- **Family Member Program:** Pat Anthony 876-5785.
- **Union/Management Issues:** Walter Pickett or Ashley Tyson 876-8305/4716.

- **Intern Program:** Brenda Reed 876-5852.
- **Co-op Program:** Jerrel McCollum 876-8903.
- **Long-Term Training:** Glennis Cole 876-8901.
- **TQM Training:** Quality Institute 955-6001.
- **Status on personnel actions:** Call your administrative office first, then servicing specialist; for RDEC personnel, call Ozell Dunlap 876-5295.
- For the name and number of your staffing specialist, call 876-7510. For the name and number of your classifier, call 876-5824. RDEC personnel should call Ozell Dunlap 876-5295.

To find out about the local merit promotion opportunities, type the word "merit" at the \$ prompt on any computer or PC. This program lists the jobs, series, grade, location, and brief description of positions available for merit promotion, locally and worldwide.

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"This information is part of our efforts to improve service to all of our customers. We welcome your comments, suggestions, and recommendations at any time. We plan to supplement this article with detailed information on the aforementioned subject areas. This, we hope, will provide you additional information to facilitate the personal and professional decisions you must make on civilian personnel related matters. If there are additional subjects you would like us to cover, please call Norma Jenkins at 876-4124," the CPO release concluded.

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Letters

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brochure did not receive any funds because no one designated any to them.

Another concern is the current economic status of the country and the Army drawdown. A good way to counter any concerns you may have about job security is to give through payroll deduction. A reasonable, affordable amount withheld from your paycheck each payday should not disrupt your budget. However, if you encounter a problem, you can stop your payroll deduction at any time during the year. Payroll deductions begin with the first pay period in January 1993, and automatically terminate with the last pay period in 1993.

If you have any questions concerning these issues or anything concerning CFC, call 876-9143.

George Gunter
Chairman,
Local Federal Coordinating Committee

How real is this command's commitment to its published policy on sexual harassment (not to mention TQM and all of the various minority awareness programs), if this kind of behavior is condoned (or overlooked) by senior military and civilian management officials at the Acquisition Center? The judgment exercised in allowing this event to occur during a government-sponsored function was poor at best. The ill-considered decision to include such a photograph in the post newspaper is just as bad.

We suggest that the next time these contestants want to participate in an "ugly walk," they should forget their drag costumes and just show up as themselves. They can also invite the editor of the *Redstone Rocket* to join them. Their insensitive actions alone should easily qualify them as being "ugly," at least in spirit if not in looks.

Names withheld by request

Poor judgment

Editor:

In this period of heightened awareness about the negative impact on the work force of stereotyping, we were extremely disappointed to see the photograph taken at the Acquisition Center's Oct. 15 picnic. Not only does this "ugly walk" antic raise doubts about the Acquisition Center's commitment to the MICOM commander's policy on zero tolerance for sexual harassment but also the editorial policy of the *Redstone Rocket* for printing a photograph so disparaging to women.

How humorous would this "ugly walk" have been had the participants been in black face, Indian attire, or any other ethnic or racial costume? How about dressing to show the "ugliness" of the ravages of time, accident, disease or birth defects on the human body? Where were the women cross-dressed in the usual "ugly men" stereotypes?

If in a spirit of jest employees want to poke fun at some of their own supposed shortcomings (big nose, bald head, etc.), that's fine. Making fun of the supposed shortcomings of a gender (or race, etc.) to which you don't belong should not be tolerated at official functions.

Sign your letter

Letters will not be considered for publication in the *Redstone Rocket* unless they are signed and contain an address or phone number for the writer. Names are withheld on request but unsigned letters will not be used. Send letters to: *Redstone Rocket*, AMSMI-IN.

Honor

(Cont'd from page 1)

Besides the award presented to the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School also received the 70-percent-plus award in a separate ceremony Friday morning. On March 27 the Strategic Defense Command became one of the first organizations in this area to receive the seatbelt award.

Some 40 organizations in Alabama had received the award as of July. North Carolina had 58 honorees. For the eight Southeastern states, 214 awards were given.

Troop bowling

Here are the troop intramural bowling standings as of Oct. 26:

Tuesday's Conference	W	L
E Company 832nd-3	112	63
F Company MSTD	103.5	71.5
HHD, USATSG	98.5	76.5
HHC MICOM (Airfield)	98.5	76.5
MEDDAC	97	78
Navy	89.5	85.5
E Company 832nd-2	85	90
HHC 832nd-1	83.5	91.5
Readiness Group-1	80.5	94.5
NCO Academy	78	97
B Company 832nd-1	78	97
Readiness Group-2	45	130

200 games bowled Oct. 20:

Dave Williams (E Company-3)	225 & 213
Bill Hollifield (F Company MSTD)	221
George Bilich (F Company MSTD)	201
Ken Gillespie (E Company-2)	201

Thursday's Conference	W	L
HHC 832nd-2	125.5	74.5
F Company IFTE	116	84
F Company 832nd	113	87
E Company 832nd-1	110	90
E Company Analysts	105	95
I & I Hooters	103	97
B Company 832nd-2	94.5	105.5
F Company Equate	94	106
E Company EOD	92	108
F Company Five Kilos	90.5	109.5
HHC MICOM	83	117
E Company Master Blasters	73.5	126.5

200 games bowled Oct. 22:

Chuck Tonn (I & I)	256
Rich Collins (Five Kilos)	220
Jim Stracke (E Company-1)	207
John Jarboe (F Company)	204
Mark Verren (HHC 832nd)	200
Ric Rundquist (HHC MICOM) rolled a triplicate series.	



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RASA elaborates on answers provided at town meeting

Editor's note: The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following information in response to issues raised at the town meeting held Oct. 15.

During the recent town hall meeting, issues were surfaced that could not be completely addressed during the question/answer period which followed the program presentations.

• In response to the issue on the school bus schedule the following is furnished:

Younger children attending the Davis Hills Middle School are picked up earlier and brought home later than the original schedule at the beginning of the school year. This situation resulted when Johnson High School was added to the Davis Hills bus route.

Initially, two students were registered for Johnson High School and bus transportation was disapproved. Once school started, one more student registered and requested school bus transportation to Johnson. With a total of three students enrolled to attend Johnson, a designated magnet school, and the anticipation of more enrollees, the RASA commander's decision was to support this requirement.

Providing transportation to Johnson High School had to be accomplished with an existing established

bus route. Davis Hills is the only school in the vicinity of Johnson that is supported with Redstone Arsenal school buses (routes 28 and 29). Route 29 was not considered since it also included students for the First Missionary Baptist School. It was realized that adding Johnson High to Route 28 would have an impact. Students would have to be picked up earlier and they would arrive home later than the original schedule at the beginning of the school year.

During the 1990-91 school year, school bus operations consisted of 37 routes transporting approximately 1,100 students at a cost of over \$480,000. For the 1992-93 school year, operations consists of 39 routes (23 school buses and three special education vans) transporting approximately 1,400 students to 16 public and seven private schools at an estimated cost of \$500,000. To stay within the budget constraints, we have several routes where one bus provides transportation to more than one school.

Our policy is to provide, within available resources, school bus transportation to all students residing on the installation. Requests for school bus transportation are approved by the RASA commander provided the student is going to a city public school or private school that is on or near an established route.

The RASA commander regrets that the decision to support Johnson High School requires some of the younger children to be on the bus for a longer period of time. We are relooking the entire school bus program based on supportability, service to customers, and affordability. At this time, we do not anticipate any change to the program for this school year.

• In response to questions on the tree planting program in the family housing area, we offer the following:

Trees in the family housing area are currently being replaced by the grounds maintenance contractor on a one-to-one basis using hardwood species indigenous to this area, such as oaks and sugar maples.

Plans are being formulated to conduct an Arbor Day Ceremony which will spearhead planting of trees on Redstone Arsenal. All installation employees and housing occupants will be encouraged to replace trees through the Self-Help Program by submitting a DA Form 2701 to Directorate of Engineering and Housing (DEH). Additional information will be forthcoming on this ceremony.

Acquisition worker receives national AUSA award

A contract specialist here has received an exceptional service award from the Association of the U.S. Army.

Joan Myhan of the Acquisition Center was one of nine regional recipients of the AUSA Exceptional Service Award for Army Civilians. She represents the third region which encompasses most of the Southeast.

Myhan received the award plaque Oct. 14 at the annual AUSA national meeting in Washington, D.C. The presentation was made by Gen. Dennis Reimer, the Army vice chief of staff.

From last April until mid-July, Myhan served a temporary assignment in Saudi Arabia assisting the postwar effort with contract closeouts, settlements to claims and negotiating changes. She has worked at the Acquisition Center since July 1986.

"In the short time that I've had her here, she's quite self-confident. She's tenacious: You give her something to do, she holds on to it till it gets through. She's skillful. She's really a good worker. That's the attributes that a person needs for working in contracts. You can't be intimidated by the process, and she's not," said Myra King, her supervisor since July 27.

"She's conscientious," King added, "a real team player — that helps, too."

Myhan is one of 10 members of King's branch at the Acquisition Center — the Losat/Chaparral/Faar branch. She was nominated for the AUSA award by her supervisor at the time, Willis Epps, chief of the Hawk branch.



CONTRACT SPECIALIST — Myhan poses during a previous Army award ceremony. On Oct. 14 she was recognized at the AUSA convention in Washington for her service in Saudi Arabia.



PROCLAMATION — MICOM Commander Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby and Huntsville Mayor Steve Hettinger sign a joint proclamation for prevention of sexual harassment. MICOM's kickoff to a weeklong observance of POSH will be held tomorrow at the Rocket Auditorium.



Announcements

Marine Corps League

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment of the Marine Corps League will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Marine Corps Reserve Center on South Memorial Parkway. Call Lou Knoell 828-4225 for information.

Newcomers club

Greater Huntsville Newcomers Club will hold its monthly get-acquainted coffee at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3 at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library on Monroe Street. Anyone new to the area within the past three years is invited to attend. There's no fee and reservations are not required. For more information call 772-7996.

Mothers with young children meet at the same time in Rooms A and B. They should call 830-5286 for more information. The monthly luncheon meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. at the Sheraton Inn at the Huntsville Airport. Dianne Parket from Decor 8 is to present a program on flower arranging for the beginner. Reservations required; call 837-4465 no later than Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me*, rated R, 134 minutes. Friday — *Diggstown*, R, 98 minutes. Saturday — *Sneakers*, PG-13, 126 minutes. Sunday — *Sneakers*. Tuesday — *Boomerang*, R, 113 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Civilian basketball

It's that time of the year when baseball phases out, and basketball phases in. Any teams interested in participating in the Men's Civilian Welfare Basketball League, please contact Billie Spencer at 842-9367 no later than Nov. 4.

Surplus sale

The General Services Administration will have an auction sale of surplus NASA property beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, in building 8025. Prospective buyers may inspect items to be sold and register to bid on Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on the day of the sale from 7-9 a.m. Items to be sold include ADP equipment, office machines, electronic items, pumps, shop machines, pickup trucks, 1 1/2-5 ton cargo trucks, truck tractor, farm tractor and scrap cable.

Appreciation night

Sam's Club, 3418 North Memorial Parkway, will host an appreciation night for military and civilian employees Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6-8 p.m. All merchandise will be sold at posted wholesale prices; no 5 percent upcharge will be added. Shoppers will be required to sign in to verify they are military/civilian personnel affiliated with Redstone Arsenal. "Door prizes, refreshments, and best of all shop 'till you drop!" For more information call Deloris Whitman, 852-8791 or 859-1642.

Roaring '20s Speakeasy

The Officers Wives Club will present their Roaring '20s Speakeasy this Friday, Oct. 30, at the Officers Club. Casino games begin at 6 p.m. The evening will also feature entertainment, silent auction, Emporium, and a raffle drawing for two roundtrip airline tickets courtesy of SatoTravel and American Airlines. A buffet will be served from 5 until 9 p.m., and buffet reservations are required by calling the Officers Club 830-2582. Advance tickets for the Speakeasy are available for \$5 at the Officers Club cashiers cage, and tickets will be sold at the door for \$7. "This event is open to the public and everyone is invited to join us for a fun and exciting evening." All proceeds go to charity. For more information, call Debbie Behel 533-5516.

Space Club dinner

The Fifth Annual Dr. Wernher von Braun Memorial Dinner will be held Friday, Oct. 30, at the VBCC. Sponsored by the National Space Club Huntsville, this awards dinner will recognize those who have continued the tradition of excellence began by von Braun. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:45. For ticket prices and more information call event chairman Deborah Barnhart, 721-2608, or the Space Club office at 895-6811.

Great American Smokeout

Fox Army Community Hospital is offering the class "Helping Your Loved One Quit" in recognition of the Great American Smokeout Day. The class will provide information and tips to assist you in providing support for the smoker in your life. Classes will be held 1-2 p.m. on Nov. 5 and 9-10 a.m. on Nov. 16. Classes will be held at the hospital. To register call Preventive Medicine Service, 876-8831.

Comptroller careerists

The next rating session for Army Civilian Career Evaluation System (ACCES) Comptroller (CP-11) Career Program will be held in February 1993 for GS-12 and above. Original and three copies of initial submissions or changes involving parts C and D of DA Form 5470-11 are to be submitted to AMSMI-RM-MS, building 5250, room A304 by Dec. 28. For more information, call Anita Hughes 876-6188.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal AA Group meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

Warrant officers

Redstone Arsenal chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association will hold its next meeting at the Officers Club Dec. 9 at 7 a.m. A buffet breakfast will be served for \$3.95. Make reservations by Dec. 7. The association is soliciting new members as well as non-active current members. "The ever-changing situation in the military makes it necessary for all of us to be aware of local and national issues. The integration of MOSs and the reduction of warrant officer slots worldwide should motivate members to work toward common goals. Each warrant officer, both active or retired, WO1 through CW5, has much to offer in terms of experience and enthusiasm." If you have questions or comments, call Steve Henderson 842-2471 or Bob Borden 876-1909.

GRE/GMAT tests

The Education Center testing office will no longer administer the GMAT and GRE exams at Redstone Arsenal. GRE is administered at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (test center code 1854), phone 895-6725 and Alabama A&M University (test center code 16808), phone 851-5645. Fee is \$45. Register by Nov. 6-test date Dec. 12; register by Jan. 4, 1993-test date Feb. 6; register by March 12-test date April 17; register by April 30-test date June 5. The GMAT is administered only at Alabama A&M (test center code 001003) Fee is \$39. Register by Nov. 6-test date Dec. 12; register by Jan. 4, 1993-test date Feb. 6; register by March 12-test date April 17; register by April 30-test date June 5. Applicants should complete the National Testing Registration form to include the test center code and mail the form with your payment to the specified address. The Education Testing Service (ETS) will notify UAH or Alabama A&M that you are registered to take the test on your requested date and location. Call the appropriate testing center to verify your registration and test time. When you receive your score, bring a copy of your test results and a receipt verifying you paid to Reita Perry, Education Center, building 3222.

Office closure

The Staff Judge Advocate Office in building 111, to include Claims and Legal Assistance Offices, will close for the afternoon at 2:30 Wednesday, Nov. 4 for an office function.

Adult CPR course

Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct an Adult CPR course from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Red Cross building, 1101 Washington St. The cost of the course is \$20. Participants can preregister by calling 536-0084 ext. 320.

Talent show auditions

The Redstone Arsenal BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee is having auditions for its "Star Search Show" on Nov. 8 at the Recreation Center from 2-5 p.m. Categories are spokesmodel, female vocalist, male vocalist, bands, dancers, and comedy/acting. Auditions are open to military and family members age 17 and older. The show will be held Nov. 20. For more information, call the Recreation Center 876-4531.

Veteran benefits

Veterans now have one toll-free number to call about VA benefits from anywhere in the United States, Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands. The number 1-800-827-1000 will connect a veteran to a benefits counselor at the nearest VA regional office for VA benefits information during normal office hours.

Military personnel office

The Military Personnel Office will be closed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 29 to allow all employees to participate in the Personnel and Training Directorate's Employee Appreciation Day activities. All soldiers departing Redstone Arsenal Oct. 29 due to reassignment or separation must plan to visit the Military Personnel Office, building 3710 or the Transition Management Branch, building 3708 prior to 10 a.m. or after 2 p.m.

Saint Barbara's celebration

The deputy director of the Research, Development and Engineering Center and the North Alabama U.S. Army Field Artillery Association are sponsoring the annual Saint Barbara's Celebration. The event will take place Nov. 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Officers Club. The scheduled guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Gus Cianciolo. For more information, call Dorothy Hosea of the MICOM Protocol Office 876-7135.

74th Maintenance Battalion

The 74th Maintenance Battalion is recruiting soldiers to fill vacancies in its newly established headquarters here at Redstone (Officers/02-03, WOs and enlisted). Call 2nd Lt. Taylor, battalion adjutant 955-7062 or CSM Brown 955-6242 for additional information.

Learning center

Effective Oct. 19, the North Army Learning Center, building 3349 on Little John Drive, has new hours of operation: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. till noon; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Travelogue film

The Huntsville Kiwanis Club invites you to its 29th year of the "Travel and Adventure Series" — motion pictures narrated in person by world travelers. The next film, "Nepal — in the Shadow of Everest," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Huntsville High School auditorium. Admission is \$4. Discounted season tickets and senior tickets are available. For more information, call 539-2817.

Blacks in Government

The local chapter of Blacks in Government will sponsor an employment seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at St. John AME Church, 229 Church St. The seminar will feature local personnel representatives from the city, county, state and federal government; some local industry personnel will also be present. The seminar is open to everyone. For more information call Mary Peoples 852-6111, James D. Foster 852-2129 or Robert Wilson 830-8752.

ID Card facility

The ID Card issuing facility will be open Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. "Active duty personnel in uniform will not, repeat not be given preference on this day." Individuals with questions concerning this opening should call 876-5430.

Space society

Tonight, Huntsville's L5 Society will sponsor "A Footnote in the History of Rocketry," presented by Konrad K. Dannenberg, a member of Wernher von Braun's original rocket team. Dannenberg's reflections on the significance of the 50th Anniversary in the history of rocketry and space exploration will be presented at the Huntsville Public Library Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Found property

The following items have been found and are now at the Provost Marshal Office: cigarette case with lighter; fanny pack containing a wallet and change purse; air pistol; truck camper shell; three keys; wedding ring with inscription (found near troop dental clinic); three brass colored keys; two curtain rods; three brass colored keys; two curtain rods; two interconnected key rings containing a total of seven keys; man's 10-speed bicycle; small electronic circuit board; wallet containing the name "John Rask"; man's 10-speed bicycle. Owner(s) may contact Provost Marshal Office Investigations Section, building 3649, telephone 876-2090/3449, to identify and claim property.

DSMC alumni

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC) Alumni Association will meet Nov. 16 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Social begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch and the speaker from noon until 1. Scheduled speaker is Dr. David S. Chu, assistant secretary of defense for program analysis and evaluation. Cost is \$9 per person; reservations are required. Call Frank Prabel 971-3133/3381 or Jan Hill 971-3381. "All DSMC graduates and personnel interested in the Department of Defense acquisition process are invited."

Civilian Wellness Center

Just when you need it the most — the "Maintain Campaign" is back! "The Civilian Wellness Center wants to help you fight the average seven pound holiday weight gain by encouraging Redstone employees to weigh in with us prior to Thanksgiving and again after the New Year; sometimes just knowing someone else is there for encouragement and support can help." Individuals or groups from buildings are invited to join in the friendly competition to see which building on post will be the Maintain Campaign champs. Weigh-ins will be confidential and will include plenty of educational literature, lowfat holiday recipes, and encouragement. The center plans to be in the following buildings outside the cafeterias on these dates: Nov. 6 — SDC/Corps of Engineers from 11 a.m. to noon. Nov. 9 — building 5681 from 8:30-9:30 a.m., building 5400 from 9:45-10:45, building 5250 from 11-noon. Nov. 10 — building 4488 from 8:30-9:30 a.m., building 4566 from 9:45-10:45. Weigh-in anytime at the Wellness Center. "Please bring cans of food to donate to the Redstone Arsenal Food Basket Drive."

Abandoned property

The following items were left in boat lot No. 1 off Vincent Drive and Gray Road: truck camper shell, black in color, no ID number, brand name unknown; boat trailer, white in color, brand name Steinbacker, ID number 830307; boat trailer, white in color Searay, model Profile 2000, ID number 1MDCHSR13NM545515; trailer/camper, 20-foot, white/green, brand name Wilderness, North Carolina license T-47674, ID number E05334658486; trailer/camper, white/brown, brand name Honeybee, ID number 1825726, additional markings "Yosemite Sam" on rear of trailer; boat and trailer, white, license number AL 1850TP, brand name Sportcraft; boat and trailer, white/maroon, license number AL 8815XD, brand name Bumblebee, model Stinger II. The owners or anyone knowing the owners should contact SSgt. Edward Pate at the Provost Marshal Office, Operations Section, building 3453, phone 842-2441/2442.

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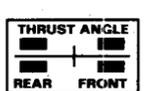
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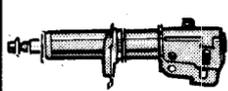
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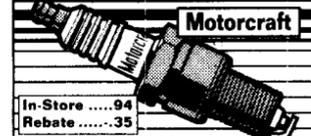
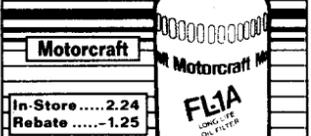
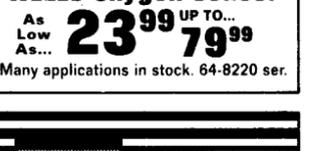
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