



# Redstone Rocket

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## Southern pine beetle takes toll on trees at Redstone

By Michael Dickerson

Jesse Horton is worried. He is driving the backroads of the Arsenal scouting for stands of pines destroyed by the southern pine beetle. Horton is the installation forester for Land Management Office on Redstone. Lately he has been chasing down beetle populations and giving area loggers tours of the post so that they can bid on taking the infested trees out.

On this day, Sept. 13, he is showing Greg Yarbrough and Scotty Fleming of Scottsboro Forest Products the different stands that need removing. They look at "bug patches" in Test Area 3, Test Area 6, and another area south of Buxton Road.

The southern pine beetle is a native inhabitant of the South, but only gets attention when it causes epidemic pine-tree loss. This year has been the largest breakout of the beetles since the Forestry Management Program for the Arsenal began in 1958.

Horton has a list of the infested pine patches and he has plotted them with a red pencil on a map of the



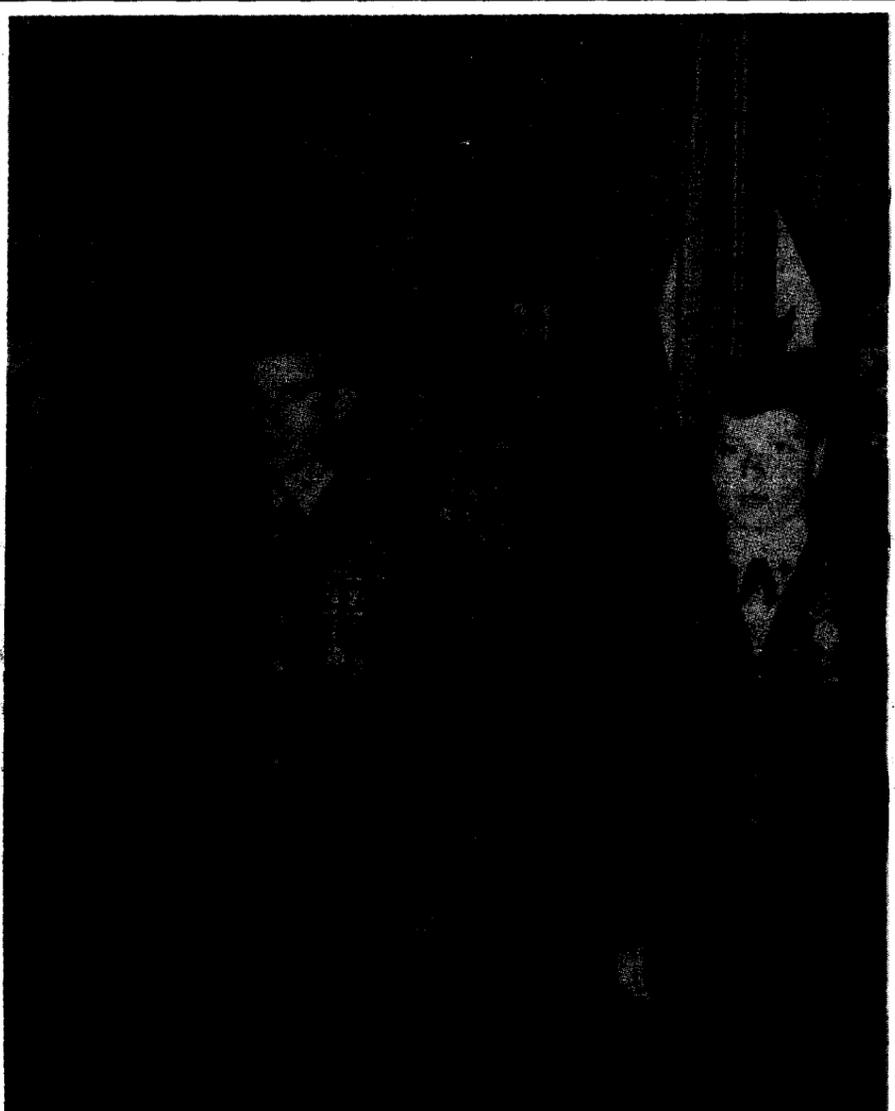
**DAMAGE—** Horton inspects the aftermath of an invasion of southern pine beetles.

Arsenal. The map looks like it has measles. "The largest patch is 40 acres," Horton says. "There are 30 patches totaling about 200 acres here."

Part of the pine beetle problem is on Wheeler Wildlife Refuge which runs through Redstone Arsenal like an intestine. Infested pines on the refuge can and

do infect pines on the Redstone-managed land. It works the other way, too. Infestations on Redstone affect refuge pines.

Horton's Jeep blazer churns down the mud-and-gravel road and stops near a stand of pines with needles tinted brownish-red by See **BETLES** on page 23



## NCO/Soldier of Year...

SSgt. Edward Bowen and Spec. Lisa Heck were honored as NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year, respectively, at an appreciation luncheon Thursday. Both soldiers received numerous prizes and an Army Commendation Medal for their efforts. Post CSM Ben Sunday, at the podium, announces the awards. See the story on page 6.

## Readiness Group members deploy to hurricane site

By Skip Vaughn

Thirty-nine members of Readiness Group Redstone were deployed to the U.S. Virgin Islands over the weekend in the aftermath of Hurricane Marilyn.

Of those, 22 were on St. Thomas and 17 on St. Croix, according to Lt. Col. James Terrell, deputy commander of Readiness Group Redstone. Thirty-nine other members of the Readiness Group were standing by ready to go to St. Thomas which suffered the most damage.

"My boss, Col. Billy Stevens, is the senior Army officer on St. Thomas and he's working directly for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)," Terrell

said. "Col. Stevens left out Friday and stayed on Puerto Rico until the hurricane passed. And once it left the area and it was safe to fly, then they went over to St. Thomas and St. Croix. He left with nine other personnel so there were originally 10 Readiness Group personnel down there.

"And yesterday (Sunday) we had an additional 29 personnel fly out and they arrived last night at St. Croix and St. Thomas," he said.

The 39 people, including soldiers and one civilian, are to provide assistance and assess damage to determine what other kind of assistance will be needed. Part of the Readiness Group's mission is to provide disaster assistance. Of those at this disaster

site, "we have some engineers, we have a few medical personnel, and a lot of the others are transportation quartermaster," Terrell said.

The hurricane, the fourth to hit the Caribbean in as many weeks, tore through the Virgin Islands and eastern Puerto Rico on Saturday, blowing apart homes, tossing parked airplanes into the air and killing at least nine people.

"We just know that 80 percent of the structures were damaged severely. Any wooden structure was pretty much damaged. The roofs were taken off concrete structures. So, it may be a while putting everything back together," Terrell said.

He estimates that the Readiness Group

people will be at St. Croix at least two weeks since it wasn't hit as hard as St. Thomas. "St. Thomas: probably four weeks, maybe more. That's a conservative guess right now. We'll know more as time winds on."

The Readiness Group's primary mission is to provide training assistance to the Reserve Component—the National Guard and Army Reserve units—in Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi. There are several hundred of these Reserve Component units, including companies, battalions and brigades, within the three states. "And of course our other mission is to provide disaster relief for those three states as well, but

See **HURRICANE** on page 16

# Letters to the editor

## Parking signs

Could someone please do something regarding the parking of cars/trucks with trailers attached at the top of the boat ramp at the civilian rec center?

There used to be signs prohibiting parking in this grassy area. People insist on parking in this area which makes it extremely difficult for anyone to back straight down and pull out of this ramp. We have personally placed four phone calls to the MP station regarding this and were given assurances that this situation would be addressed (the first call was made in May). What happened to the No Parking signs?

**Katherine L. Bass**

*(Editor's note: Bobby Noles of the Directorate of Public Works provided the following response. "Sign installation and replacement is the responsibility of the Directorate of Public Works. When a person on Redstone finds signs missing, they should call Bobby Noles at 876-1434. As a general rule, the sign can be replaced within one to two weeks.")*

## Career woman

*(Editor's note: A drill sergeant addressed the following to the "Concerned mom" who had sent her a personal letter. SSgt. Mertie Taylor and the recognition she received were the subject of a recent article in the Rocket.)*

Dear Concerned Mom,

First of all, I was not nominated for Woman of the Year, I won! Secondly, I did not choose to be a drill sergeant, the Army chose me. My records speak for themselves.

My children are very well adjusted—on the honor roll at school, involved in school activities, jobs and are very responsible. As of yet, and I say this with pride, my children have not been in trouble at school or in our communi-

ty. My children are involved in things like youth groups at church and Bible study groups. They have not been involved with alcohol or drugs. I check homework and make sure that all my family's needs are met. I take the time to ensure that my children receive quality parenting. Just being at home does not mean that your children are receiving the guidance that they need.

Yes, I chose to have my children; but, in no way am I complaining. On the contrary, I consider them as a blessing and I thank God for them. They are very precious to me and I would not change any part of my personal life with them. The Lord blesses me with the ability to do what is right for my children. He leads me by faith and not by sight.

My day care is above and beyond the best. I think that taking a child to day care is love—so many don't even bother. When I drive through the housing area, there are so many children that have no supervision.

Money is not an issue. My husband is a warrant officer through hard work and dedication. He is proud of his achievements and proud of mine. I chose the Army as my career. I am a very professional, highly dedicated non-commissioned officer, proud of my choices and proud to be able to defend my country.

Luckily for me that I have a chain of command that affords me the time I need to do what is necessary to take care of my family. When you work with professionals that care for the needs of their soldiers, nothing is impossible.

I would be and am proud of any woman that can handle a career and a family; that speaks highly of our gender. So many times there is negativeness about females in the Army. Be proud.

Please don't take this as a slam. I have combined a career with motherhood and am very successful at both. Can you say the same? Is this just sour grapes?

**SSgt. Mertie A. Taylor**  
Drill Sergeant

## Quality friend

We in the Mobile District were deeply saddened to hear about the death of Sam Fields. Sam made numerous contributions to the U.S. Army Missile Command mission through his outstanding leadership, professionalism and management ability. Because of his unrelenting pace, extreme expectations and demand for absolute quality, he inspired our organization to produce outstanding products for Redstone, and other customers as well. Based on his personal definition of quality and expectations, we had to invent a new way of doing business to meet such demanding requirements.

The John J. Sparkman Center at Redstone Arsenal is where Sam Fields and the Mobile District met to form a stalwart partnership and understanding of the fact that "Quality" is no accident.

Sam was the focal point of not only this major success story, but many other stories as well. Sam Fields was dedicated to excellence and it showed in his work and how he dealt with us. One of the most important things about Sam was that he always felt quality was No. 1. We join you in mourning his passing because he was a true friend of the District.

**Col. William S. Vogel**  
Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

*(Editor's note: Steve Carter, executive assistant at Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, provided this letter and added the following note. "While we at MICOM have made great strides over the past few years to improve the quality of our services, we should not forget those who practiced 'total Army quality' before the term became popular. This command employs a large number of quality employees who have believed and practiced and lived a standard of excellence over their entire careers and by doing so have made a difference. The above letter attests to the fact that Sam Fields was one of those whose high standards were a way of life at Redstone Arsenal for many years.")*

# Oktoberfest promises plenty of fun activities for all

By Heather Haring

The legacy of the German-American partnership has its roots deeply planted at Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville. Therefore, it was with pride Thursday that Judy Link and Mayor Steve Hettinger signed a proclamation to officially designate the last weekend in September as Oktoberfest at Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville.

The proclamation serves as a symbol of the gratitude of the citizens of Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville to the German contributions. Dr. Wernher von Braun and his fellow rocket specialists led the space industry into the challenges of the 1960s from right here at Redstone Arsenal. They spent many years making the great city of Huntsville the place they called home. Fittingly, the workplace and the home of Dr. von Braun united to declare, in the name of friendship, a partnership in honor of all of the German-Americans who have given so much to our communities and to our country.

Hettinger says he is "excited about the efforts of Redstone Arsenal in taking the Oktoberfest celebrations in Huntsville to

another level." In turn, we at Redstone are just as excited about Hettinger's support. The most important element of the proclamation, however, is the meaning behind the words.

The German families who have settled in Huntsville and at Redstone have truly enriched our community. The proclamation asks "all citizens to reflect during (Oktoberfest) on the gifts of culture bestowed upon us by our German-American citizens."

The inaugural Oktoberfest '95 will be held Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1 at the parade field off Patton Road. As with the recent concerts held there, the general public is invited—including those from surrounding communities, cities and states. The event is geared to all ages; and activities include a carnival, petting zoo, hot air balloon rides, pony rides, children's art, craft booths, clowns, authentic German food, beverages, live bands and more.

This year is special since it is the first year for this type of Oktoberfest here in the Valley and especially because of the strong support received from Hettinger and from the post commander, Maj. Gen. James Link,



**PROCLAMATION SIGNING— Link and Hettinger sign the proclamation for Oktoberfest.**

along with his wife, Judy. We hope that all of you will be as willing to show your support by coming out and participating in what is guaranteed to be an Oktoberfest to

remember.

*(Editor's note: Haring is a marketing assistant at the Directorate of Community and Family Activities.)*

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# Annual federal fund-raising drive gets under way soon

By Michael Dickerson

John Bailey is doing OK ... for a rookie. He has prepared a game plan, organized the lineup, set up pep rallies, and determined the team's goal. Though it is still preseason, the team is set to go.

Bailey's team is the Local Federal Coordinating Committee of the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The annual fund-raising campaign contributes to as many as 1,213 national organizations ranging from the Red Cross to Dogs for the Deaf. Included are 157 local agencies.

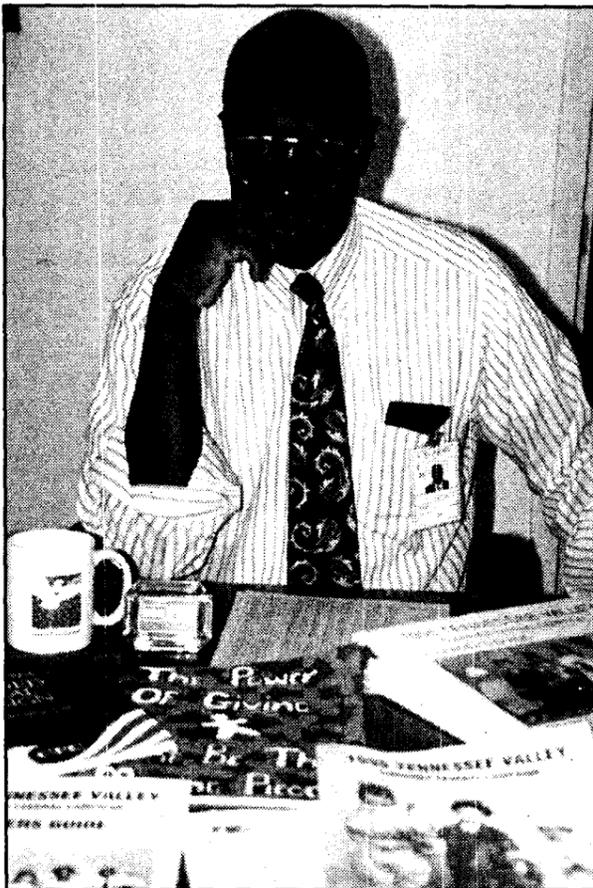
Bailey is the chairman for the Local Federal Coordinating Committee. He's a rookie because he started August 1994, fresh out of the Acquisition Center. Each year a new chairman is selected from the major centers on the Arsenal. Bailey was selected from his position as a contract officer. His background has been useful in dealing with the slew of regulations pre-

scribed by the Office of Personnel Management for the giving and who the giving goes to.

The CFC will kickoff Oct. 1 with a rally at the Sparkman Center. A video showing the tornado damage at Anderson Hills will convey the message that no matter your economic status, things can happen, and you will need a CFC agency.

On Oct. 2, a luncheon will be held at the Huntsville Marriott with Chessie Harris of the Harris Home as scheduled speaker. The 480 \$8 tickets have almost been sold. "We never have trouble selling tickets for the luncheon. We have good speakers," Bailey said.

This year federal workers will receive a lapel pin for a donation of one-hour's pay per pay period. If you give two-hours pay per period, you will get a CFC coffee mug. Those giving three-hours pay will receive a desk clock. If you give \$780 for a year, a glass sculpture with an eagle etch-



BAILEY

ing will be given to you. The goal of the local CFC area is to raise \$1,346,000 by Nov. 10. Participation was 61 percent last year.

"Everybody gives what they feel comfortable giving," Bailey said. "I would like to stress that people should give to their five favorite agencies." Each worker will get a Catalog of Caring. The catalog lists the 1,213 agencies and their pledge-card code. Pick your five favorites and put the code in the blocks.

"A lot of people have the misconception that we give an agency only a quota," Bailey said. "But, if everyone puts down the same agency, that agency will get all the money. There is no rule in which we say that the Red Cross will get only \$50,000, for example."

Bailey's approach to the CFC is different than his predecessors. "This year we will stress actually telling

the CFC story, letting people know where money is going, and the importance of contributions," he said. "We will personally ask workers to contribute. In the past, pledge cards were tossed on employees' desks and later the workers were asked if they filled the cards out," he added. "The giving is an investment in the community."

The CFC area includes five North Alabama counties. Only five other CFC areas out-gave this CFC area last year. There are about 70 CFC areas nationwide.

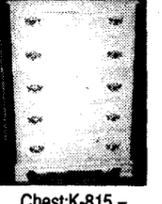
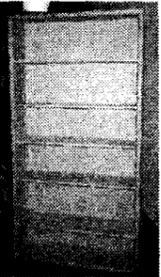
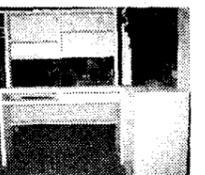
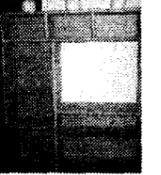
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# NCO/Soldier of Year honorees get sense of relief

By Kathy Harkleroad

The waiting is over. The results of the NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year boards were announced during the annual appreciation luncheon held Thursday at the Officers Club.

Winning the Soldier of the Year title was Spec. Lisa Heck, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade. Heck said the realization of winning the board had not really sunk in yet, but she had a good feeling about her presentation at the Soldier of the Year board. "When I finished at the board I thought the chances were pretty good on winning," Heck said, "but waiting the two weeks to find out who the winner has been hard."

Heck said once her name was called the biggest emotion she felt was relief. "I was pretty excited and it really hasn't all sunk in even now, but the biggest thing I felt was relieved. The waiting was over and I knew who the winner was."

One of the biggest moments during the ceremony was when she received her Army Commendation Medal and that is one moment it will take a long time to forget, if ever. "I think the biggest moment during the whole process of going to the boards and hearing my name announced, was when I received the Army Commendation Medal. That was one of the biggest moments of my life, it was pretty exciting."

Heck won her first Soldier of the Month board in March which made her eligible to appear before the Soldier of the Year board.

Winning the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year title was SSgt. Edward Bowen, HHC MICOM. Bowen also said he was a "little surprised" when he name was announced as the winner, but had felt pretty confident about the outcome. "The two-

week waiting period was the toughest part and when my name was called I felt a great sense of relief," Bowen said.

Recognition of being named the best of the best, is what means the most to Bowen and he is pretty proud of the title. "The boards really help soldiers stand out among their peers and gives them an edge," Bowen said. "When you do win, you are not only winning for yourself, but your buddies are right there supporting you and are just as proud as you are when you win."

Bowen also feels appearing before the boards sets an example for younger soldiers and he has already had a few ask him for help in following in his footsteps.

Following the announcement of the winners, post CSM Ben Sundry introduced the sponsors of the program. Each of the sponsors congratulated the winners as they presented their prize, which consisted of numerous cash prizes, gift certificates and trips.

Undersecretary of the Army Joe Reeder was also present at the luncheon and spoke a few words to the attendees and congratulated the soldiers on their win. "What you just saw was an outpouring from the community... It was breathtaking," Reeder said.

Reeder also said "the soldiers in today's Army are the best on the earth today, and the best in the history of the Army."

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, congratulated the soldiers for a job well done. "These are two individuals who represent thousands," he said. Link also said he was pleased to see so many people at the luncheon in support of the outstanding effort of all the soldiers.

Sponsors for the Soldier and NCO of the Month/Quarter/Year program include the



RECEIVING HONORS — SSgt. Edward Bowen and Spec. Lisa Heck received numerous cash awards, gift certificates and prizes, including an Army Commendation Medal for winning the title of NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year. Ken Klein, Post Exchange Manager, is shown presenting the soldiers with their prize as CG James Link looks on.

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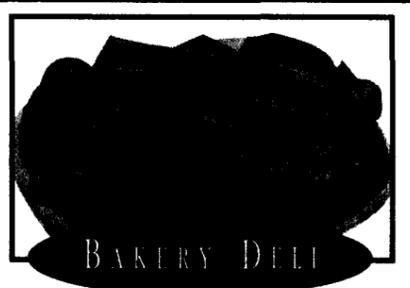
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# Top 10 AMC worker surprised, delighted by selection

By Skip Vaughn

A TMDE supervisor has been named one of Army Materiel Command's top 10 employees for 1995.

John Ball, chief of systems engineering division at Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, was notified of his selection by letter from Gen. Leon Salomon, commander of AMC. He is to receive a plaque presented by the commander of the Missile Command.

"It was quite a pleasant surprise," Ball said, regarding his selection by higher headquarters. "I'm just absolutely delighted."

The award was based on work Ball has done as a project manager and in research and development. One of the projects accomplished by his division led to the development of a 10-volt intrinsic calibration standard in a chip. "That chip has been the subject of a number of technical publications; and that technology's being used by private industry, by national laboratories, and by the Army of course," Ball said. "Our goal is to put that laboratory accuracy right at the weapon system."

He was recommended for the Ten Outstanding AMC Personnel of the Year award by Bob DuBois, director of TMDE Activity, and Dr. Jim Jones, director of the activity's Engineering Directorate. Ball's 16-member division is part of the Engineering Directorate which has about 60 engineers and technicians.

Ball has led the division since its creation by DuBois in 1991. The division's functions include special projects, the test equipment modernization program, the secondary reference calibration standards acquisition

program, and technical support to the secondary reference laboratories.

Ball, 47, a native of Black Rock, Ark., received a bachelor's degree in physics from Arkansas State University in 1971. He received a master's in applied physics from Georgia Tech in 1972. Ball completed the program management course at the Defense Systems Management College at Fort Belvoir, Va., in 1993.

He began his government career in 1972 as a physicist here in the Physical Standards Laboratory of what was then called the Metrology Center. He worked for Shell Chemical Corporation in New Orleans as an instrumentation engineer from 1977-83. Ball then returned



BALL

to the government and Redstone as a group leader in the temperature and vibration portion of the Physical Standards Lab. He next spent two years in the Sentry project office at what was then called the Ballistic Missile Defense Command

(now Space and Strategic Defense Command). He returned to TMDE Activity in 1985, moved to the activity's Engineering Directorate in 1989, and has served as chief of systems engineering division since its inception in July '91.

"I think it's an ideal job because there aren't many jobs in the Army where you can do work in-house and there aren't many jobs in the Army where you can do research and development. And we've got the best measurement laboratory in the Army (the Primary Standards Laboratory)," Ball, a GM-14, said.

He and his wife Sharon, a Hospice Cares nurse, have three children. Their oldest son, Fritz, is a network administrator for VMIC in Huntsville; Christopher resides in Budapest, Hungary, where he is an economist for the Hungarian Atlantic Council; and their daughter, Heidi, attends the University of South Alabama in Mobile. They have two grandchildren. Ball sometimes teaches Sunday

School classes at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville where his wife sings in the choir.

Ball likes to read and write, and has aspirations of becoming a professional writer. "I have a novel I'm trying to get published right now," he said.

He has also written many technical publications; and he holds four patents in the field of measurement systems.

"I'd like to see the research and development program that we have grow and I'd like to see the products from that program actually be fielded and have a positive impact on the Army," Ball said. "And I'd like to see us reduce the overhead costs that the Army has to pay for calibration support."

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# Undersecretary of Army sees hope in avoiding furlough

By Kathy Harkleroad

Movement is being made to derail the possibility of a governmentwide furlough, according to the undersecretary of the Army.

Joe Reeder addressed several issues at a press conference immediately following the NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon held Thursday at the Officers Club.

First on the mind of most government employees is the possibility of a "train wreck" or furlough and, according to Reeder, move-

ment is being made in the direction of derailing a work stoppage. "I honestly don't think it is going to happen," he said. According to Reeder, progress is being made by the president and Congress to avoid a government shutdown. "If it does happen, life essential functions will continue and soldiers will continue to work and be paid. Dr. Perry is reviewing 'what if scenario', but I really don't think it is going to happen."

On the recent base realignment decision, Reeder feels Redstone Arsenal is

ahead of the game. "An additional 2600 jobs coming to the Arsenal will result in a real change but it also says a lot about Redstone. They have won the Army Community of Excellence award four times and that alone is a real credit," he said.

As far as any further additions to Redstone or further consolidations, Reeder

said as far as he knows there is none on the drawing board. "There is always a need for consolidations, it's never ending. As far as I am aware there are no further studies being done about any further moves."

The proposed SSDC/MICOM merger was another hot topic and Reeder assured everyone a decision was forthcoming. "A deci-

sion is coming soon," Reeder said. Although he would not give any details, he felt confident the decision was not final and would be released in the near future.

Reeder also addressed quality of life issues and said there is a direct link between the readiness and quality of life. "A quality of life task force is currently

examining the issues and decisions on changes will be coming very soon," he said. "Quality of life issues are important. We spend more money on the training of soldiers than anything else we do. We recruit and train soldiers who have a choice; if we lose soldiers who have been trained then we have to start over."

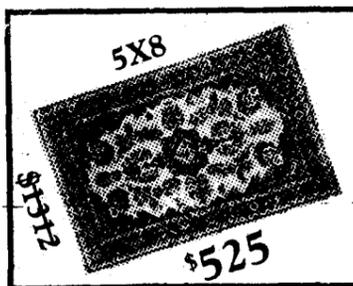


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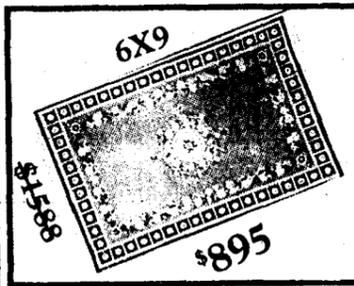
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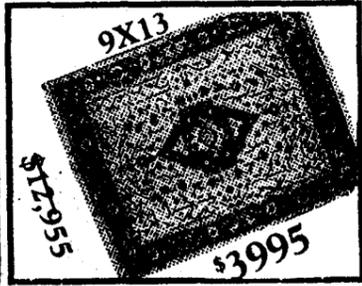
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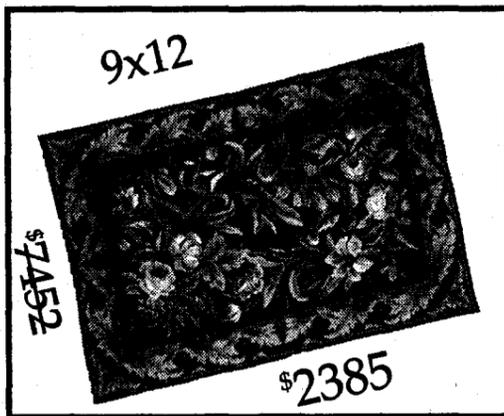
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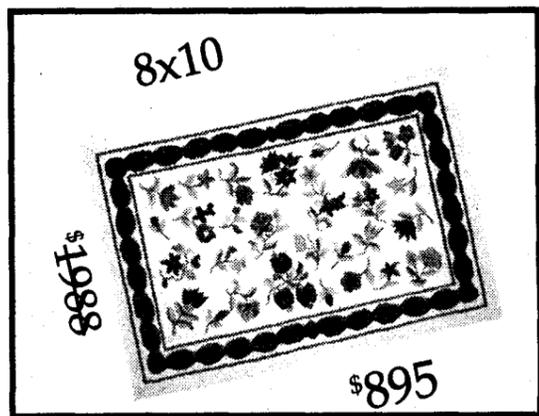
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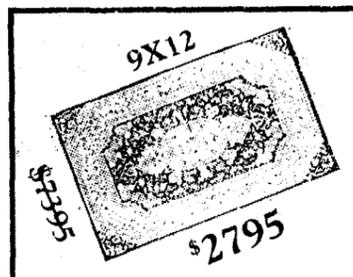
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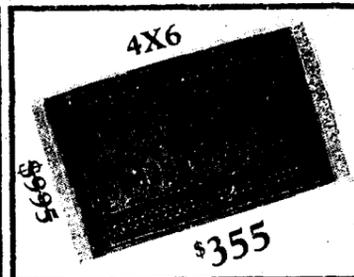
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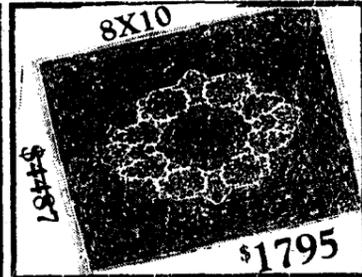
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# Law enforcement officers learn about gang activity

By Michael Dickerson

Rufus Foxx walked into the RASA Development Center Sept. 12 with a sawed-off shotgun, a 25-caliber pistol, brass knuckles made of steel, and a knife in his briefcase. Nobody was alarmed.

Foxx is a sergeant in the Gang/Juvenile Investigation Division of the Madison County Sheriff's Department. He came to teach 40 Arsenal and local area law enforcement officers about gangs and their drug activities. The weapons were examples of typical gang toys.

Another teaching aid was a video in which gang members described gang activities and what the gangs meant to them. What did they say?

The members said that being in a gang was like being in a family. Many gang members have problems at home. In the gangs, they got love. They also got hate ... hate for rival gangs.

Gang members also said that being a gang member gave them power. They use

their "power" to create violence, especially with rival gangs.

However, innocent people are vulnerable to gang violence. In the wrong neighborhood in Chicago, if you wear a rival gang's colors, you will have a life-threatening problem.

The video made the television show COPS seem mild, especially in language. Not only the four-letter kind of language, but the gang's own slang for everything from 'gun' (Gat) to a member of the Bloods gang (Slob).

The video showed gang members "Quoting" or initiating another member. The new member was a girl and she chose to be initiated by "beat-in," or being beat up, instead of "sexed in," or raped.

The teen-age girl was repeatedly slugged even when she was down. One of the members assailing her asked her if she was alright. When she said yes, he slugged her again. When she curled into the fetal position, the members kicked her.

Such was the entertainment on a nice Tuesday morning. But, it wasn't entertainment; it was education. Foxx displayed photos of local gang graffiti and described local gang activities. There are an estimated 500 gang members in Madison County, according to Foxx. "But, it's hard to get an accurate count," he said. There is little gang activity on Redstone Arsenal.

William Pitts of the Provost Marshal's Office said, "I saw a star of David with a pitchfork through it on a wall at the mall. I didn't know what it was until now. I haven't seen gang activity out here (on the Arsenal)."

"I think this (seminar) is excellent," said Capt. Cheryl Boone of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "Only through education can we eradicate this problem. It's a horror to see children 3 and 4 holding guns and with gang paraphernalia on."

Patrick Stewart, also of the Provost Marshal's Office, said, "It was very

informative. I want to be as educated on this as I can. I don't know what some kids coming in will bring." He was referring to the constant influx of new families to the Arsenal.

Chaplain (Capt.) David Acuff, another attendee, said, "it's a sad bunch of kids." Acuff said he was particularly struck by the religious parallels that gangs have incorporated. "They use religious symbols and cataclysms," he said. In many ways gangs are like cults — violent cults.

Gang membership is usually for life. "In our area you can get out and walk away from a gang," Foxx said. "But, rival gang members won't forget."

The seminar wrapped up with questions, answers and compliments for the program. Then, Foxx packed his weapons and left.

# AER scholarships can be requested by military kids

By Kathy Harkleroad

Applications are being accepted for the Army Emergency Relief (AER) scholarship program for dependent children of active duty or retired soldiers.

"Even though the next college year may seem far away, it is not too early to start looking into scholarships and financial aid," Juanita Adams, Army Community Service (ACS) AER officer, said. "These days college is so expensive and every little bit helps."

The scholarship applications are available from AER headquarters Nov. 1 through Feb. 23 for the following school year. Applicants must be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as full-time students for the entire academic year in post-secondary educational institutions approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

Scholarship applicants must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens, unmarried and under the age of 22 on June 1 preceding the beginning of the school year for which the scholarship is requested.

"There have been several people on the Arsenal who have benefited from the AER scholarship program and I encourage everyone who is eligible to apply," Adams said.

Mail-in requests for the scholarship application are available at the ACS office, building 3491, Honest John Road, or by calling Adams at 876-5397.

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# Education Center helps soldiers, civilians reach goals

*Editor's note: This is the final article in a series on the various schools and courses available at Redstone Arsenal.*

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Army Education Center is the first and last stop for soldiers arriving or departing Redstone Arsenal, and could be one of the most important stops for both the soldiers, their family members, and DoD civilians.

Soldiers arriving at the Arsenal are required to attend a general briefing at the Army Education Center and learn about what is available to them. Information is available on not only the colleges located on the Arsenal, but on distance learning institutions as well.

"We have an extensive catalog of colleges that offer distance learning and a variety of degrees," said Dr. Patricia Peake, Education Services specialist. "When a soldier, their family member, or a DoD civilian visits our office we sit down and map out their goals and go from there."

Once the decision to attend college or further a



**GUIDING FORCES**— Personnel at the Army Education Center assist community members with college decisions and degree choices. Greeting customers from left are Jim Campbell, Dr. Peake, and Erica McClain.

degree is made, it can be somewhat confusing as to what college to attend. Peake and the other counselors at the education center help the student make that decision. "We offer individual counseling and sit down with the student and find out what avenues they would like to pursue. If they aren't sure what they would like to do, we have other means of finding out what that student might be

best suited for," Peake said.

Higher learning doesn't just happen in a college classroom any more and according to Peake there are several non-traditional methods of obtaining degrees. "We help the student not only decide what college to attend or what degree to

pursue, but we look at what they have done in the past and their lifestyles. Those factors can make a difference as to how they are going to obtain their degree."

The education center works very closely with all the universities on the

Arsenal and helps design the schedules and conducts a needs assessment of the courses. "We want to make sure what is being offered here is beneficial to the soldiers," Peake said. The education center also maintains a memo of understanding with the colleges.

Under the counseling and academic advisement section other services that are offered include military evaluations, tuition assistance, financial aid, veterans education benefits, soldier career maps, the FAST/GT prep course, and Green to Gold.

The education center

also has a testing center where students can choose from a variety of exams, including certification exams, university and college exams as well as numerous others.

"I would like to see more family members come in and talk to us," Peake said. "They have so much to offer and have life experiences that vary. There is so much satisfaction in going back to school and getting that degree. We are here to help people and help them grow."

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# MICOM Reinvention Laboratory kickoff next week

Tuesday, Sept. 26 marks the first of several Reinvention Laboratory training sessions for the MICOM work force. Training contacts have already received their organization's scheduled dates and times and are working to ensure full participation. The training will be at the Sparkman Auditorium. Buses will be available.

The purpose of the training is to inform the work force of MICOM's role as a Reinvention Laboratory. The MICOM commander, Maj. Gen. James Link, or the deputy to the commanding general, Ernie Young, will present Reinvention licenses to directors and to their employees.

James Brothers, president of American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1858, will speak. Also speaking will be Dr. Pauline Cason of the

Command Analysis Directorate, the champion for Reinvention. The work force will complete a MICOM employee opinion survey on site in order to establish a baseline for the Command as it begins the Reinvention initiative. Participants will receive training credit. For information about the training, call Cheryl Wise 842-2818; or call the Quality Institute 876-2025 for information about the scheduling. The training schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m.— Command Group Offices, Chief of Staff, Command Sergeant Major, SGS, Ombudsman, Historical Division, Protocol Division; Redstone Technology Promotion Office; Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office; Competition Management Office; Inspector General Office; Command

- Analysis Directorate; Re-alignment & Transition Office; Intelligence & Security Directorate; Personnel & Training Directorate; Public Affairs Office; and Sparkman Management Office.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m.— Equal Employment Opportunity Office; Internal Review & Audit Compliance Office; Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; Safety Office; Unmanned Ground Vehicle/ Joint Project

- Office; and Corporate Information Center.
- Thursday, Sept. 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m.— Security Assistance Management Directorate; Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; MICOM Environmental Office; Installation Ammo Office; Staff Aviation Office; and Staff Chaplain. From 1:30-3:30 p.m.— Research, Development, and Engineering Center.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, 9:30-

- 11:30 a.m.— Weapon Systems Management Directorate; Integrated Materiel Management Center; and AMC Smart Weapons Management Office. From 1:30-3:30 p.m.— TMDE Activity; Lead AMC Integration Support Office; Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; and Legal Office.
- Monday, Oct. 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m.— Acquisition Center, and Corporate Information Center.

- Tuesday, Oct. 31, 9:30-11:30 a.m.— Research, Development and Engineering Center. From 1:30-3:30 p.m.— RD&E Center.
- Monday, Nov. 6, 8-10 a.m.— Corporate Information Center. Make-up session.
- Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.— Resource Management Directorate, and Integrated Materiel Management Center.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE Month OBSERVANCE UNDER WAY

Hispanics in the Military is the theme for this year's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 14.

SSgt. Petra Branch, of the 59th Ordnance Brigade's newly-formed Committee for Equal Opportunity, has provided questions and answers about Hispanic-American history which will run in the Rocket each week during the observance.

"We just formed this committee toward the end of the summer and this is our first assignment, but it will be ongoing," Branch said. "The next one will be Asian (month) then African-American, and we'll be doing something for all of them."

Here is her first entry for Hispanic Heritage Month. See if you can guess the answer:

"I earned a bachelor's degree (1968) and a master's degree in urban planning (1970) from Texas A&M University, and a master's of public administration (1976) from George Washington University. I taught urban studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio beginning in 1974. I was the first Hispanic mayor of San Antonio, Texas, where I served four consecutive terms, starting in 1981. Prior to my mayoral career, I served (1975-81) on the San Antonio city council. I announced in January 1989 that I would not seek re-election to a fifth term as mayor. Who am I?"

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# Sports

## Ladies golf invitational has college football theme

"Tailgating Together" was the theme of the Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association's 35th annual Invitational Golf Tournament held Sept. 6.

Each flight was given a college name: Alabama, Auburn, Florida State, and so on. There were 112 participants from 15 golf and country clubs in Alabama and Tennessee. Among the golfers was Bev Payne who has played in all 35 of these invitational tournaments.

Paige Terry of Deer Run Country Club, Moulton, took the overall title with a net score of 65. The other winners in the 1st Flight (North Carolina) included Linda Hayes, second place, and Nancy Roddy, third place, both of Franklin County Country Club.

Other winners included the following:

- 2nd Flight (Florida State): Reita Nicholas, first, Cherokee Ridge Country Club; Shirley Hammons, second, Runningtree Country Club; and Marijo Shaver, third, Franklin County Country Club.
- 3rd Flight (Alabama): Marian Deppensmith, first,

Valley Hill Country Club and Redstone; Pat Thimsen, second, Valley Hill Country Club; and Elke Mullen, third, Redstone Arsenal.

- 4th Flight (Florida): Marilyn Roney, first, Valley Hill Country Club; Jeannine Cox, second, Valley Hill Country Club; and Mary Russell, third, Redstone Arsenal.

- 5th Flight (Ohio State): Jone Arnold, first, Redstone Arsenal; Fran Sullivan, second, Redstone Arsenal; and Peggy Smith, third, Valley Hill Country Club.

- 6th Flight (Georgia): Kay Strickland, first, Valley Hill Country Club; Lorena Childers, second, Florence Country Club; and Mary Kilpatrick, third, Redstone Arsenal.

- 7th Flight (Auburn): Martha Landers, first, Valley Hill Country Club; Marina Jarvis, second, Redstone Arsenal; and Sidney Ellis, third, Valley Hill Country Club.

- 8th Flight (Notre Dame): Marie Maksimowski, first, Redstone Arsenal; Rebecca McKee, second, Rolling Greens Country Club; and Bonnie King, third, Valley

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- 9th Flight (Tennessee): Ada Mittlesteadt, first, Hillcrest Country Club; Anna Mahar, second, Redstone Arsenal; and Donna Henry, third, Redstone Arsenal.

- 10th Flight (Kentucky): Bev Robbins, first, Redstone Arsenal; Dottie Cento, second, Cherokee Ridge Country Club; and Bev Payne, third, Redstone Arsenal.

- 11th Flight (Ole Miss): Linda Rice, first, Redstone Arsenal; Judie Dwyer, second, Valley Hill Country Club; and Charlotte Talley, third, Scottsboro Country Club.

- 12th Flight (Arkansas): Dorothy Cox, first, Florence Country Club; Dede Lipman, second, Hillcrest Country Club; and Ernestine Anderson, third, Redstone Arsenal.

- 13th Flight (LSU): Farley Miller, first, Cherokee Ridge Country Club; Jane Robinson, second, Valley Hill Country Club and Redstone Arsenal; and Freeda Jones, third, Florence Country Club.

- 14th Flight (South Carolina): Florence Teir, Redstone Arsenal; Dee Thonus, second, Redstone



**WINNING GOLFER—** Terry receives her plaque from Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander, for winning the Invitational golf tournament.

Arsenal; and Pat White, third, Redstone Arsenal.

The team winner was 11th Flight (Ole Miss). Members included Frances Winton, Scottsboro Country Club; Barbara Howard, Florence Country Club; Charlotte Talley, Scottsboro CC; Linda Rice, Redstone Arsenal; Marie Melochick,

Redstone Arsenal; Judie Dwyer, Redstone/Valley Hill CC; Pauline Robertson, Redstone/Valley Hill CC; and Marge Torzillo, Rolling Greens CC.

Special award winners included: longest putt— Dot Babb, Valley Hill CC; longest drive— Paige Terry, Deer Run CC and Marge

Torzillo, Rolling Greens CC; Gladys Kyle of Florence CC, Mary Russell of Redstone Arsenal, Tula Bradley of AEDC and Millie Moore of Redstone Arsenal.

Marie Maksimowski served as tournament chairman, and Betty Butler was breakfast/lunch chairman.

## HURRICANE

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also (for) the Virgin

Islands," Terrell said.

The Readiness Group has 150 servicemembers and 11 civilians. They have

all kinds of specialties, excluding aviation. The Readiness Group's higher headquarters is 1st Army

based at Fort Gillem, Ga. In turn, 1st Army is under Forces Command.

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Sports

# Volunteers picked to rebound against Mississippi State Bulldogs this week

By Skip Vaughn

Alabama and Auburn have an extra week to think about those tough losses they suffered Saturday while the beat goes on for the rest of the Southeastern Conference.

Tennessee, which lost to Florida, will try to rebound at home against Mississippi State. The guess here is the Volunteers will succeed.

Skip's Picks last week went 23-9-1, bringing the season totals to 66-26-1 for 72 percent. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in major college football:

Georgia at Ole Miss— Georgia  
 Kentucky at South Carolina— SC  
 Rice at LSU— LSU  
 Mississippi St. at Tenn.— Tenn.  
 TCU at Vanderbilt— Vandy  
 Ala. A&M at Savannah State— State  
 Air Force at Northwestern— North-western  
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# FOOTBALL

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*Skip's Picks*



# Army TACMS/BAT golf tournament includes gag gifts

Three men and a lady— sounds like a movie, doesn't it? That was the makeup of each team at the Army TACMS/BAT Project Office's golf tournament held Thursday at Redstone Golf Course.

The tournament, with a best ball scramble format, was followed by a barbecue prepared by the snack bar personnel. "We had seven 4-person teams— three men and a lady on each team," said Mike Addams, a logistics management specialist. Personnel within the project office, their spouses and support contractors were eligible to participate in what is to become an annual event.

"Everyone had a great time," Capt. John Middleton, the tournament organizer, said. "Next year's tournament will

be held in the spring of '96."

The winners and their prizes included the following:  
 • First place team— Voncile Clark, Mike Ramsdell, A.J. Jones and Dr. Marvin Carroll received lunch for four at Hooter's, four T-shirts from WZYP Radio, four movie passes from Post Exchange, four coffee mugs from WAAY-TV 31, and a certificate of bragging rights till next year's tournament.  
 • Second place team— Col. Willie Nance, Maj. Kathleen Browning, Steve Mitchell and Joe Freely received four tote bags with notebook, note pads and coffee mugs from Redstone Federal Credit Union; four free appetizers from TGI Friday's, and four movie passes from Post Exchange.

- Third place team— Bill Miller, Dick Smith, Cliff Gray and Martha James received four tote bags with notebook, note pads and coffee mugs from Redstone Federal Credit Union; four WAAY-TV 31 hats, and four free video rentals from Post Exchange.
- Men's longest drive— Maj. Vance Chase received a golf bag from K-Mart.
- Ladies longest drive— Gail Patton received a golf umbrella from WHNT-TV 19 and a set of head covers from Edwin Watts Golf Shop.
- Closest to the pin— Steve Mitchell received six golf

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# Agencies governmentwide continue Furlough planning

By Sanda Trousdale

Although news reports out of Washington seem to indicate both the president and Congress want to keep government from shutting down, departments are being told to continue furlough planning.

Locally, a furlough team has been formed within the Civilian Personnel Office to map out how certain things would be handled.

For instance, if employees are sent home without pay, each must be notified. The team is looking at all the ways this could be done, including through electronic mail. Eventually an official Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50) would have to be processed for furloughed employees.

All these things become extremely difficult to accomplish if employees are already sent home.

"We have a plan of action," said Lori Reynolds, supervisory personnel staffing and classification specialist, "but we in a holding pattern now. We're waiting on guidance from AMC, through the DA, DoD, OMB chain."

One thing still not determined is who will be designated essential employees; but based on what's already been said about only those necessary to protect life and property, a very small percentage of Redstone personnel would stay on the job.

Even though essential personnel would be paid, the likelihood is that the pay

wouldn't be until after the furlough is settled.

Jim Brothers, president of AFGE Local 1858, represents several thousand federal employees in Huntsville who are concerned over the possibility of a furlough.

"There's a higher possibility this year than in past years," that a furlough will occur, Brothers said, but he's optimistic the Congress and the president will "get their acts together" and in a worst case, sign a continuing resolution so employees won't have to be furloughed.

"But we need to be prepared in the event there is a furlough. CPO is taking appropriate precautions to put a plan in place," Brothers added.

"There's no way of knowing until the last minute, of course," he said.

The federal employees union is taking a reasonable position, he said, but is opposed to the cuts in benefits that federal employees may have to take in the areas of retirement, health insurance and pay raises.

"We realize that something needs to be done regarding the financial state of country and to balance the budget" but he feels that everyone must do their share.

"It seems that federal employees have been asked to bear a large part of the load. I hear that the Pentagon is going to fund executive salary bonuses for contractors to the tune of \$31 million. If we can afford to pay the fat cats we can do something to stop eroding federal workers' benefits," Brothers said.



**THE VICTORS**— Members of the winning team include, from left, Jones, Clark, Carroll and Ramsdell.

## GOLF

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balls from Jerry Evans Pro Shop and 12 box seat tickets to Huntsville Stars' 1996 games.

• First ball in water— Sherry Thomas received a step-by-step guide to the game of golf from Jerry Evans Golf Shop. She also won a free golf lesson from Frank Wallace, who took the honor of hitting the most

balls into the woods.

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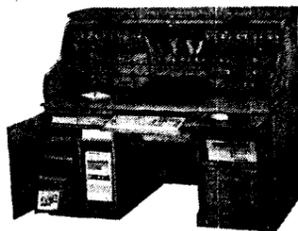
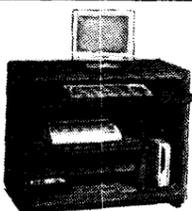


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# Police officers in halls making a difference at school

By Kathy Harkleroad

Students at Butler High School were somewhat surprised to see two uniformed police officers assigned to the school, but from the general consensus are glad to see them there.

The officers, Floyd Smith and Brian Smith, were assigned to Butler High School at the beginning of the school year as a part of the Youth Services program. The federally funded program puts uniformed police officers in high schools throughout the nation, and includes the Huntsville area schools.

"We were very glad to have the officers join us," said Butler High School principal Tom Drake. "The students have been very receptive to them and from what I have seen and heard, they are glad they are here."

The officers also seem glad to be in the school, and see their mission as an important one. "Basically we just let our presence be known," HPD officer Floyd Smith said, "that alone deters quite a few problems."

Roger West, school security personnel, said he has seen quite a bit of difference since the officers arrived. "I've been here quite a number of years and have seen a big difference from last year. Systemwide there were 11 fights that required police response last year. We have had none so far at Butler and I believe that is because of the officers," West said.

The officers spend as much time as possible in the hallways before and after school and during class changes, as well as during the lunch period. "Lunch time is historically a time where problems occur and so far this year, it has been very quiet," Floyd Smith said.

HPD officer Brian Smith said they have

been treated very well by the students. "We have seen a very positive reaction from the students, they introduce themselves and generally speak to us on a daily basis," Brian Smith said. "An overwhelming majority of the students are here for an education while only a few are here to cause trouble."

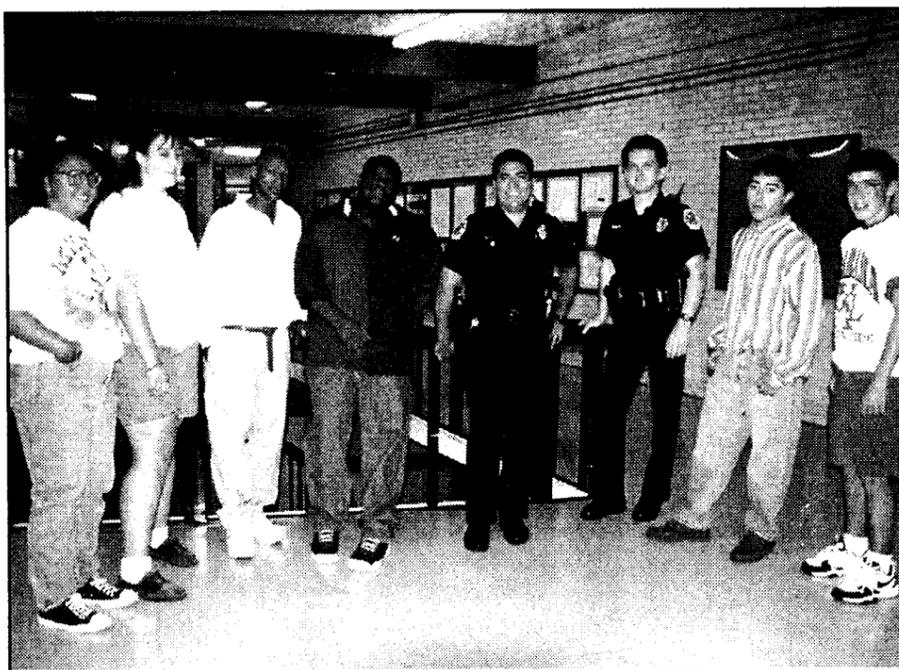
Floyd Smith echoed that statement and said "these are everyday kind of kids. Only one or two percent are real troublemakers and out of the 1300 students here, we have identified approximately 25 kids who cause trouble and they are easy to locate and control."

Arsenal students attending Butler High School said they are very glad to see the officers in the halls. "Their presence alone prevents a lot of problems," senior Juan Santiago said. "I have seen a big difference in the atmosphere here. It's much more calmer and there isn't as much tension as before. Little arguments are being talked out instead of fought out."

Junior Jennifer Portz said she thought the police officers have also kept the "fighting down." "It (having the police officers in schools) makes the schools look bad. It looks like we have to have them." She said she doesn't think about the police officers much, but all of the students know they are around.

Junior Jessica Yancey said "having the officers here makes skipping a lot harder. They are outside a lot and are always checking the parking lot." Yancey also said there is not as much tension in the lunch room and thinks that is a good thing. "I think this (having the officers in the school) is a good way to spend tax dollars."

Drake has seen a big difference in the students' behavior since the beginning of



**FRIENDLY CONVERSATION—** Several Redstone Arsenal high school students take a moment out of the morning to chat with the new police officers assigned to the school. From left are

Jennifer Portz, Jessica Yancey, Brian McDonald, William Hen, HPD officers Floyd Smith and Brian Smith, Juan Santiago and Scott Harkleroad.

the school year. "The police officers have made a very big difference in all of the city schools, Butler included," Drake said. "The first day of school we had three trespassers and they were quickly escorted off the Arsenal by the officers. There was no hassle and no delay in getting them off the property. We also haven't had any since; word has gotten around."

Drake said one of the biggest advantages

he can see having the officers on school property "is when problems do occur, they are here and emotions do not have a chance to get out of hand."

Drake also felt the students were glad to see the officers at the school and said the during the senior assembly the students gave the officers a round of applause and gave them a few gifts. "The faculty was just as receptive," he added.

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# AUSA chapter sends 16 soldiers to annual national convention

Sixteen Redstone soldiers will attend AUSA's national meeting in Washington, D.C., thanks to the financial sponsorship of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of Association of the U.S. Army.

Scheduled for Oct. 16-18, the annual meeting will feature addresses by former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, the Secretary of the Army Togo West, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer, and others.

Redstone's Soldiers of the Month and NCOs of the Quarter will all be provided hotel accommodations, local transportation, meeting tickets, and \$100 for personal spending. The Chapter also recognizes each Soldier of the Month and NCO of the Quarter with a \$50 check at ceremonies throughout the year.

A suite in the convention hotel is also sponsored by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, providing a rendezvous and relaxation spot that has become the site of numerous reunions, particularly of former Redstone soldiers and employees.

Theme of this year's meeting is "Force XXI—The Future Army," a theme that reflects AUSA's basic mission statement, "To Keep America's Army strong."

The 16 soldiers include Sgt. Michael Coman of HHC MICOM; SSgt. Brian Pippert of F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. Deneen Diggs of HHC MICOM; Sgt. Tanya Shepersen of MEDDAC; SSgt. Edward Bowen of HHC MICOM; Spec. Wyatt Hamrick of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Spec. Todd Romero of HHC MICOM; Spec. John Troiano of HHC MICOM; Spec. Alec Stoops of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Spec. James Vanderwier of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Spec. Jason Bucka of HHC MICOM; Spec. Terry Bowser of 95th Maintenance Company; Spec. Leslie Cata of HHC MICOM; Spec. Stacy Sims of NCO Academy; PFC Renee Spain of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; and Spec. Iesha Hicks of F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

# Plenty of bargains available at defense surplus sales, cash and carry store

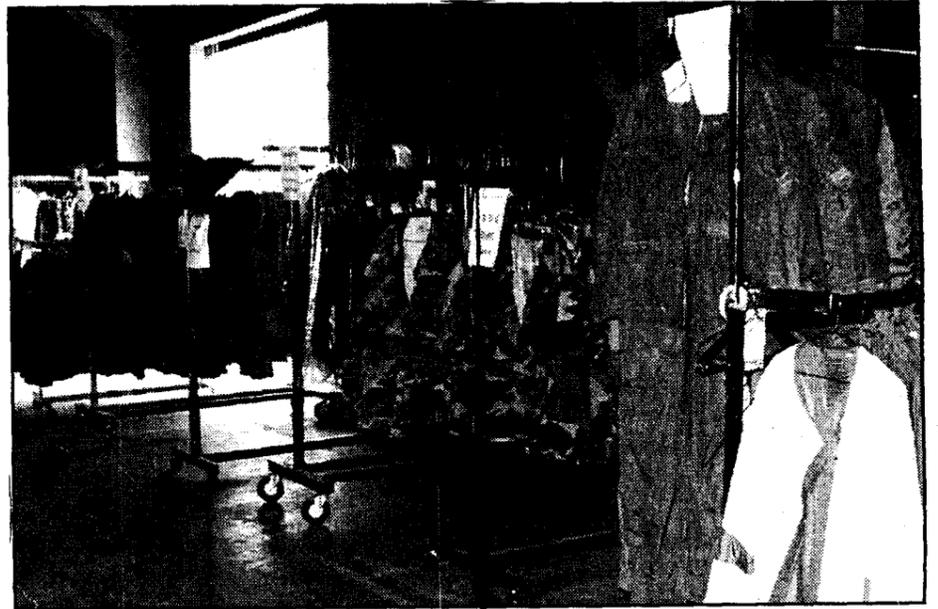
By Kathy Harkleroad

The Redstone Arsenal branch of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) has quite a few bargains for those willing to either stand in line for the weekly cash and carry sale or submit a bid for the monthly Spot Bid Sale.

"We have a little of everything," Jim Pyle, chief of DRMO, said. "You wouldn't believe some of things that pass through our doors; and believe it or not, we sell it all." According to Pyle, last year \$1 million dollars was returned to the U.S. Treasury as a result of the sales.

The monthly Local Spot Bid Sale—or local sale as Pyle likes to refer to it—is a very popular sale. Items are sold in lots and patrons can preview the merchandise before it is sold. All of the items are sent to DRMO from offices on the Arsenal, and from other military locations in the area. "We receive items from Arnold AFB in Tennessee, the Ammunitions Plant in Chattanooga, and from all the (National) Guard units around," Pyle said.

Items sent to DRMO include everything from



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reams of paper to tanks. "You never know what is going to turn up on our doorstep. The inventory changes from week to week and once the items have gone through a screening process, we offer them for sale," Pyle said.

All of the items in the local sale are sold in lots and patrons must purchase the whole quantity. Some of the items offered for sale during the upcoming Local

Spot Bid Sale include lawnmowers, computers, refrigerators, desks, tables and chairs, a warehouse full of computer items, typewriters, scrap metal, air conditioners, outdoor tables and chairs, cash registers, large stainless steel mixers, fork lifts, abandoned cars... the list goes on and on.

The operation of the sale goes like this: Patrons are invited to personally inspect the items and can either

submit a bid at that time, or wait until the day of the sale. They may also poll DRMO's fax machine for a listing of items, or review the catalog that has been mailed to them. Bids are taken in advance of the sale, and bidders do not have to attend the sale.

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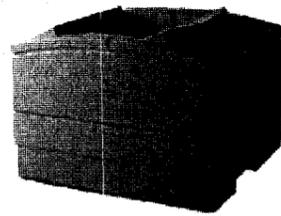
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# Congress approves plan to buy UAH research building

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Congressional conference committee members working on the DoD budget have included \$5 million for the Army to buy a building on Redstone Arsenal that houses a research facility owned and operated by the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Sen. Richard Shelby announced the action Saturday.

The UAH facility — the hypervelocity ballistic range — is sited north of Martin Road and west of Johnson Road

near the Arsenal's west boundary. It is used by both MICOM and SSDC for missile lethality research. Testing there has included work on the hit-to-kill technology of THAAD and the PAC-3 missile for Patriot as well as the warhead for Arrow, an Israeli missile development partially funded by the U.S.

The commanders of SSDC and MICOM endorsed Army acquisition of the facility earlier this year.

The conferees considered two options: outright purchase of the entire facility including the building and its unique research equipment; or purchase of the building only. They decided on the second option as the less costly of the two.

UAH will continue to operate the facility and perform research required by the Army to perfect defenses against ballistic missiles as well as other hypersonic flight research.

## DRMO SALE

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up for bid we collect all the bids on that item and the person with the highest bid wins," Pyle said. "You don't have to be here to take something home. All we ask is (that) the bids be fair. We do retain the right to reject a bid if it is too low."

Purchasers of items at the local sale have five days in which to pay for the item and remove it at their expense. "Believe it or not, we sell everything we have during a local sale," Pyle said.

If you aren't interested in buying a couple pallets of computers or a pile of lawnmowers, you can visit the DRMO Retail Store which is open every Wednesday and third Saturday of each month. Items are individually priced and can be purchased as one, vs. a lot.

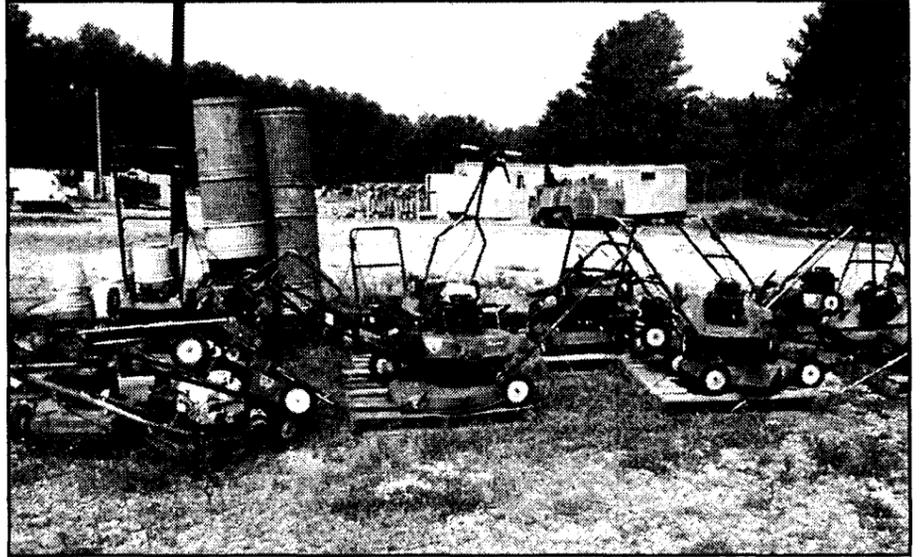
Pyle said he started the retail store last October and has been very pleased with the results. "In the last six months, we earned \$300,000. Considering that money was earned in a four hour period for five days per month, that is pretty good," Pyle said.

The retail store has been a hit with patrons from the beginning and Pyle said they are lined up outside the building when he opens the door at 7:30 a.m. "I have talked to a man who got here at 3:20 a.m. and he wasn't the first one here. The bulk of the shoppers arrive around 5:30 a.m. and continue to arrive until we close. It's best to arrive early though."

Items inside the retail store vary and bargains are everywhere. As with the local sale, items change from week to week, and shoppers have to keep an eye out for wanted items. At presstime, items available for sale include BDU jackets and pants for \$8, wool blankets for \$10, computers, including printers, ranging in price from \$100 to \$250, and hardware grab bags to name a few items. Items for sale in the retail store are just too numerous to list.

Pyle said he would like to open the retail store more than once a week, but can't because he can't keep it stocked fast enough. "We get items in every day and once a sale has been held, the building is empty when we close the door at 11:30 a.m. It is unbelievable."

The retail store and the local spot bid



**SPOT BID—** The DRMO office also has a spot bid sale once a month where patrons can purchase items in lots. These lawnmowers are popular items and

can be picked up for a song. There are several unusual items for sale also during the Spot Bid Sale and they are always worth checking out.

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By Jack Miller Jr.

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We traveled to Washington, D.C., for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial on July 27. The veterans (50,000) spend long hours reminiscing about: training, R&R in Japan, beer, cold rations and the dead—these were their personal tributes and memorials.

The public tribute included speeches, parties, seminars and parades but the centerpiece, and most important, is the Korean War Memorial. Nineteen soldiers, 7 feet tall, rather than trudging up another nameless Korean hill are now climbing Capitol Hill. The lost platoon has come home after more than 40 years.

The statues represent all the services and ethnic groups that served in Korea. Included in the memorial is a reflecting pool and a 164-foot-long black granite wall

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The veterans in Washington were not bitter that their tribute was 42 years late—they joked that everything in Korea was late, food, reinforcements, ammunition, beer rations—even summer was late. These veterans were just honored to be there.

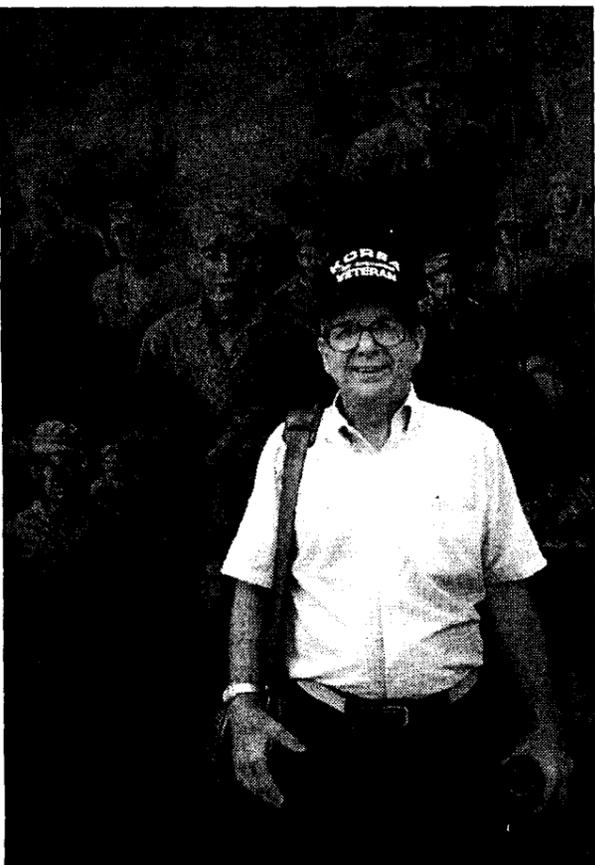
During the final days of our journey through Washington, a young man spotted my dad's Korean Veteran's hat, approached, extended his hand and said "Thank you, sir."

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The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

- **FESTIVAL: Oktoberfest**— The inaugural German-American Festival will be held Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at the parade field off Patton Road. This event is open to everyone, including the general public. Cost is \$2 per person, per day (children 6 and under admitted free). To kick off the event there will be a Talk-Walk sponsored by the Camaraderie Team— there is no charge and all participants receive a wrist pack. The Talk-Walk/Fun Run will be a 3.4 mile course with turnaround points, and it begins in front of building 3708.... The Oktoberfest will be filled

- with activities such as band performances, hot air balloon rides, petting zoo, carnival, pony rides, plus food, beverages, festhalle, schnitzelhaus, and more. For more information, call Heather Haring 876-3030.

- **ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE: AER scholarships**— Applications for the Army Emergency Relief scholarship program for children of soldiers are available now. This program allows financial assistance in the form of scholarships so unmarried children of soldiers may pursue post-secondary level studies. Scholarship applications are available by mail from Headquarters, AER from Nov. 1 to Feb. 23 for the 1996-97 school year.

- For more information or a mail-in request, call Juanita Adams, AER officer, at 876-5468, building 3491.
- **Parenting classes**— Classes on Parenting Young Children and Building Better Relationships will begin Oct. 3. These classes are free and materials will be provided. You can call Jennifer Clark 876-5397 for more information.

- **LEISURE TRAVEL OFFICE: Special promotions**— From time to time, the travel office becomes aware of special fares and promotions which would be of interest to the MICOM community. This information would include tour and cruise specials, special airfare offers, and other travel-related information. If your

- office would like to be informed of these offers via fax, you should fax a memo to 880-8697. The memo should contain fax number and the signature of the necessary approving official. For more information, call the Leisure Travel Office 882-6180.

- **AUTO CRAFTS: Fix your car**— A qualified staff is on hand and eager to serve. They also have a complete technical library. If you need some work done on your car, learn how to do it yourself by letting the staff at Auto Crafts teach you the ropes. This is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 955-7727.

# Gift shop manager needs ride to work

The legally-blind manager of the Sparkman Center Gift Shop needs your help in getting to work each day.

Bruce Leverett, who was featured in an article in last week's Rocket, wants a ride from his residence to the Sparkman gift shop which opened Thursday.

"He's legally blind. You'all had a nice article in the Rocket about him," said Ed Parr of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services in Montgomery. "And he would be willing to buy a tank of gas or whatever."

Leverett resides at Creekbend Lodge Apartments, just outside the gate on Patton Road. He needs a ride three miles up to the Sparkman Center's building 5302. His work hours are 7 a.m. until after 4 p.m., and the afternoon time is flexible.

"And if you hear of anybody, we're desperate," Parr said. Leverett can be reached at the gift shop at 882-6160.

# BEETLES

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death. "Can't do much about it but salvage it," says Yarbrough, who is sitting in the back seat.

At the base of each of the trees, red wood dust bored by southern pine beetles has mixed with the wood dust caused by the boring of the ambrosia beetle. The ambrosia beetle attacks the pine after it is dead, leaving handfuls of white "sawdust."

The only ways to control the spread of the beetles is to chemically treat the healthy

pinus and recently-infested pines — but, this is expensive and labor intensive — or cut the infested trees down along with a 50-to-100-foot buffer zone of healthy trees. Cold winters also slow the spread. Recent warm winters have not helped. The beetles keep producing 3 to 5 generations each year.

"Cutting is clearly the best thing for the forest," says Horton. "Some people think 'just let it be.'" Horton says that cutting the infested trees and leaving them on the ground helps because the beetles generally do not

fly vertically. The beetles usually move horizontally by either flying or walking.

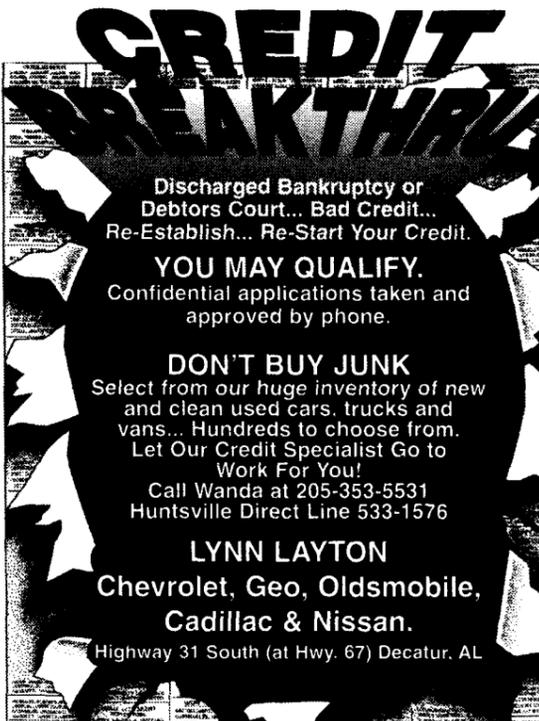
Horton recently scouted the Arsenal's forests by air. That is when he plotted the plague on his map. "As soon as a tree is attacked it is as good as dead," Yarbrough says.

Yarbrough's loggers have been taking trees out of Guntersville State Park and from TVA land. He jokes that he has been working on government land so much that he should be placed on the government retirement plan. "There are a lot of busy loggers in the state,"

Yarbrough says.

The invasion force appears to be growing, according to Horton.

The adult beetles are about a quarter inch long and look like a bug created for the Army's tank division. Like a mole, the head is low. The body is shelled, like all beetles, and it has six legs. It looks unstoppable. So far, it has been, but a cold winter and some tree cutting sure would help



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# Announcements

**Gospel show**— The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) committee is sponsoring a Gospel Extravaganza at 5 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Recreation Center. For information call Sgt. Michael Coman 842-2625.

**Seeker conference**— Research Development and Engineering Center, in cooperation with the Space and Strategic Defense Command, the Army Research Office, AMC, Air Force Wright Laboratories, and the Naval Weapons Center, will sponsor an unclassified conference on "Multispectral Missile Seekers" Nov. 1-2 at the Sparkman Center Auditorium. For more information, call Angie Cornelius 895-6343, extension 279.

**Special hunt**— Preparations are under way for a special youth and handicapped hunt sponsored by the Land Management Office, Directorate of Public Works. The hunt is scheduled for one week beginning Nov. 11 and is opened to dependents of military and civilians here at Redstone. The Redstone community is encouraged to participate. For more information, call David Nixon 842-6489.

**OWC golf tourney**— The Officers Wives Club will present a golf tournament Oct. 22— rain date Nov. 4 — at the Redstone Golf Course. This event is open to the general public. Prizes will be awarded. For registration information, call Sandy Sans 830-9387

**Big Spring Jam**— The Recreation Center has tickets for the Big Spring Jam,

Sept. 22-24 in Huntsville. The Commodores, Three Dog Night, Frankie Valli, Molly Hatchet and Dennis Yost, among others, will perform on the six outdoor stages erected in Big Spring Park in front of the Von Braun Civic Center. Heather Whitestone, 1994 Miss America, returns to Alabama to dance just a week after crowning her successor in Atlantic City. Tickets at the Rec Center are \$13 for all three days. Supplies are limited, so don't wait until the last minute. The Rec Center, building 3711, is open weekdays from 1:30-9 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by the entire Redstone community.

**Test/evaluation professionals**— "Reinventing T&E— Doing it Better, Faster, Cheaper" will be the theme of the annual International Test and Evaluation Association symposium Oct. 3-6 at the Von Braun Civic Center. Persons from industry, government and academia interested in test and evaluation are invited. Presentations will address improved testing methodologies, advanced modeling and simulation, cooperative testing arrangements and test tools, as well as new and innovative test

and evaluation approaches. For more information call Tom Cash 883-1170, extension 1354, or Fred Robinson 955-5381.

**Commissary news**— The Commissary will be closed Sept. 27 for its annual Organization Day picnic. The Commissary will re-open at 10 a.m. Sept. 28.

**Carport/yard sale**— The Family Housing Fall Carport/Yard Sale will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, from 8 until 5 each day. "This is a great opportunity for some of us to dispose of those things you no longer need and others to pick up a bargain. Good selling and shopping to all!"

**Post basketball teams**— Coach Alvin Johnson announces the start of the 1995-96 men's post basketball season. The schedule has been established, and players are needed. Military men can sign up at Pagano Gym. For information call Donald Lewis or Joe Reed 876-6701.... A coach is needed for the women's post basketball team. Signups are also being taken at the gym. Call Lewis or Reed 876-6701.

**Education committee**— The Army Community Service (ACS) Education

Committee will meet at noon today at ACS, building 3491. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

**Hunter safety courses**— The mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation is held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Recreation Center, building 3711. These orientation classes will end Nov. 16. The orientation is available at all Learning Resource Centers on computer. Please call in advance to ensure availability of terminals. For hours and locations, call 876-9416. All persons hunting on Redstone Arsenal, including guests, must complete the annual Hunter Safety Orientation. Active duty military assigned to Redstone Arsenal must have a current Alabama drivers license or a copy of PCS orders assigned them to Redstone Arsenal in order to purchase a resident Alabama Hunting/Fishing

license. For more information call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854, which is open 9:30-5 daily.

**Mr. Man Premiere**— The 1995 Mr. Man Premiere, a semiformal affair, has been rescheduled for 8 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Marriott Hotel. "Selected men will be competing in style, finesse, physique/performance, and personality.... All contestants will be escorted and assisted by female models." Tickets are \$10 at the door or call S.B. Production 880-1976.

**Army community service**— A class on parenting young children— from birth to age 6 — will be held for seven weeks starting Oct. 3 from 5-7 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491. To register call Jennifer Clark 876-5397. Materials are provided for free and the class is open to the Redstone community.... An eight-week class on building better relationships will begin Oct. 3 from 7-9 p.m. at ACS. The Redstone community is welcome to attend; all class materials are free. For more information, call Jennifer Clark 876-5397.

**Square dancing**— September is National Square Dance Month. Some of the classes include the following: Athens— "Shirts & Skins," meets 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at Athens Senior Center; call Jim Dye 729-8910. Madison— "Shingdiggers," meets 7 p.m. Sept. 21 and 28 at Madison Recreation Center on Hughes Road, Mable Sexton 232-6432. Huntsville— "Single Squares," meets 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at The Mall on North Memorial Parkway in the upstairs community room, Jerry Moncus 851-8163. "Star Twirlers" meets 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at Church of the Visitation, Carl Woida 882-1794.

**Black engineers**— The National Society of Black Engineers, North Alabama alumni extension will sponsor a games party as a kickoff activity Friday from 7 p.m. until, at the Madison Towne Centre Clubhouse. For more information, call Richard Hollingsworth 772-8183.

**UFO enthusiasts**— The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of North Alabama will meet Saturday at Quincy's Steak House, Route 20 west,

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# Announcements

Madison. Social time is 4-5 p.m., and the meeting starts at 5. For more information, call Ken 461-8913.

**MICOM ladies**— The MICOM Ladies will get together for a dessert coffee at 7 p.m. Thursday at the home of Judy Link, 1 Wadsworth Drive at Redstone. The MICOM Ladies is a social support group made up of military and civilians, spouses and employees of MICOM. Everyone is welcome to join. For information call Judy Link 837-2892.

**Jewish holy days**— The Jewish Community in Northern Alabama will celebrate holy days at Bicentennial Chapel at the following times: Rosh Hashanah— 8 p.m. Sept. 24 and 10 a.m. Sept. 25. Yom Kippur— 8 p.m. Oct. 3; and 10 a.m. Oct. 4 with children's service 1 p.m., afternoon service at 2, memorial (Yizkor) at 4:15 and concluding service at 5. For more information, call Sarah Crocker 883-9663.

**Post Theater movies**— Saturday, "Waterworld," PG-13, 120 minutes. Sunday, "Waterworld." Friday, Sept. 29, "Babe," G, 91 minutes. Showtime is 7 p.m. Admission is adult \$2.50, child \$1.25.

**Fox Army Community Hospital**— Smoking Cessation classes will be held 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 27,

9-10 a.m. Sept. 28, Oct. 3, Oct. 5 and Oct. 10; and 9-10:15 a.m. Oct. 17. Group support sessions, from 11 a.m. to noon, are scheduled Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28. These stop-smoking classes are free and open to all military beneficiaries and civil service workers. To register call Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831. For more information, call Susan Goodman 876-8831.

**Military personnel office**— The Military Personnel Office will be closed Sept. 26 from 1:30 p.m. until regular close of business. The employees will participate in the commandwide Reinvention Laboratory kickoff. Normal duty hours will resume the following day.

**Red Cross blood program**— The remainder of the bloodmobile schedule for September is as follows: Sept. 21, Thiokol, 7-noon, contact Mary Cash 882-8220. Sept. 22, SSDC (Wynn Drive), 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-4164; Corps of Engineers, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Nancy

Villasana 895-1233; and building 4505, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Linda Keel 842-8424. Sept. 28, building 112, 8-noon, Janice Jean 876-3427.

**Thrift shop**— The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Hall of Heroes**— The Madison County Military Heritage Commission seeks nominees for the Hall of Heroes exhibit at the Madison County Courthouse. Eligibility requirements include the following: Medal of Honor recipients who must have entered military service from Madison County; and recipients of other valor awards

who must have been residents of Madison County for three years prior to being considered. Information needed for verification includes a copy of discharge (DD form 214 or equivalent), copy of orders or citation for award to be considered, and copies of other official documents that support awards. Any veteran may submit his/her military record to be included within the commission's archives. For more information call Gerald Brock 852-2017 (evenings) or William Clough Jr., veterans service officer for Madison County, 532-1662.

**Retirement ceremony**— The post quarterly retirement ceremony will be held

4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the parade field. Rehearsal will be held 7 a.m. Oct. 18 at the parade field. Retirees wishing to participate in the retirement ceremony should call Sgt. Spears of RASA Support Operations 842-2576 by Oct. 2.

**Quarterly post run**— The CG's Quarterly Post Run will be held 5:30 a.m. Oct. 6 at the parade field. In support of this event, the Child Development Center will open that morning at 4:15. For more information, call SFC Walter Jones of RASA Support Operations 842-2500.

**Spanish club**— In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Spanish Club in

Huntsville will have a fundraising dance at 7 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Proceeds will help fund a scholarship. Tickets are \$9 per couple, \$5 per single. A babysitter will be provided. For information call Linda Davis 464-0763, Margaret Pena 883-7396 or Olivia Martin 883-0080.

**Theater production**— Sept. 22 is the official opening of the new professional theater in downtown Huntsville, Theatre 'Round the Corner. Its first production is the musical "Two By Two" which is scheduled to run Sept. 22 through Oct. 22 on Wednesday nights with

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**Parent advisory council**  
— The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 3 p.m. Sept. 26 in the activity room of the Bicentennial Chapel. All parents who have children in the Child Development Center are welcome to attend and bring areas of concern or discussion. In addition to the regularly scheduled topics, the meetings include an open forum for concerns. For more information call Renee McArdle 842-2682 or Sgt. Julie Muster 955-0307.

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**Real estate seminar**— A seminar on "What Military Families Should Know About Basics in Real Estate" will be held 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at Bicentennial Chapel. To attend call Gerdy Wyatt 881-8254 by Saturday.

**HHC MICOM families**— HHC MICOM Family Support Group will present a showing of the movie "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the quad at building 3437. All MICOM/TMDE soldiers and family members are invited to enjoy the movie while eating free popcorn, cotton candy, and sipping soft drinks. The bad weather location would be Bicentennial Chapel.

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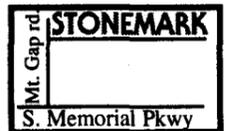
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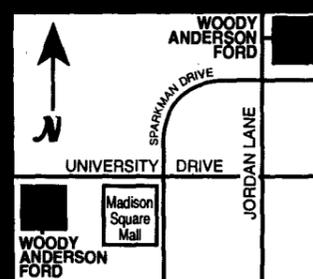
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