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Missile system readiness at all-time high worldwide

By Skip Vaughn

The monthly readiness rate for Army missile systems worldwide has achieved an all-time high.

The latest average rate of 96 percent was the highest ever, according to Readiness Directorate at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. Department of Army's goal for missile readiness is 90 percent.

"Readiness is the percent of available time that the system or unit is capable of performing its mission with that equipment," Marty Martin, chief of logistic assistance division at Readiness Directorate, said. "For this past month on the average,

96 percent of the time the equipment was called on to perform its mission it was ready to go."

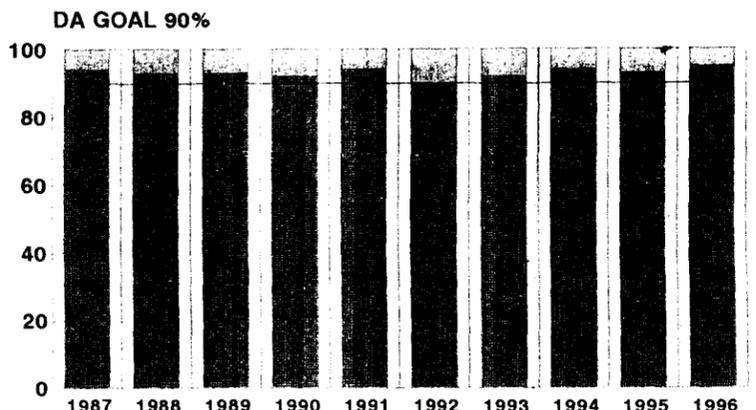
The entire Missile Command community deserves the credit, according to Martin. "I don't know that it's been anything dramatic other than the day-to-day hard work of all the people. A big factor is the attitude of the MICOM community that 'we care,'" he said.

Readiness rates are tracked by the analysis and sustainment division at Readiness Directorate. The 20-member division, led by Norbert Lutz, includes systems analysts who gather the data each

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MICOM READINESS AVERAGES LAST 10 YEARS



	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
DA GOAL	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
NMC	6	7	7	8	6	10	8	6	7	5
FMC	94	93	93	92	94	90	92	94	93	95

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Spring time...

Contrary to the cold weather last week, spring is in the air and flowers are starting to bloom on post. Trees, shrubs and plants are beginning to give

some neighborhoods a festive air. This tulip tree in the yard of Capt. David and Bobbie Estes, 280 Skinner Drive, is one of several lining the street.

Wheels in motion to bring aviation jobs from St. Louis

By Skip Vaughn

The base realignment train is moving down the tracks here as preparations continue for the arrival of 2,250 Army aviation jobs from St. Louis.

About half of the workers at Aviation and Troop Command are expected to move with their jobs; but officials won't know for sure until offers go out next spring. Elements of ATCOM and Program Executive Office for Aviation will come to Redstone to merge with the Missile Command. The new command will combine the commodities of aviation and missiles.

"The goal is to have all the buildings completed and all the people moved into this new command by end of calendar year '97," John Chapman, director of the Realignment and Transition Office at the Missile Command, said. Some St. Louis workers are expected to start moving here as early as the summer of 1997. Plans are to establish a provisional command this Oct. 1; and to officially start the new command Oct.



REALIGNMENT TEAM— Some of the members of the Realignment and Transition Office include: seated, from left, David Sparks, Chapman, Tom Morrow and James Knoch, both from ATCOM. Standing, from left, are Tom McVey, Don Dixon, Bill Trevey from ATCOM, Tammie Terry, and Ted Stokes from ATCOM.

1, 1997.

The Realignment and Transition Office, whose 25 members include five that have all ready arrived from ATCOM, is coordinating the move and planning the structure of the new command. A series of in process review meetings is being conducted with the Executive Committee which includes Ernie Young, deputy to the commanding general of MICOM; his counterpart at ATCOM,

Dan Rubery; and the PEO Aviation representative, Col. Ed Goosen. On April 25 the organizational plan is to be presented to the General Officer Steering Committee for approval before being sent to higher headquarters.

Army Materiel Command. Members of the general officer steering committee include Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of MICOM and

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Letters to the editor

Dress code

It is truly amazing to watch soldiers sauntering into the mess hall dressed like gypsies or homeless people.

Forgetting the proper way to dress. It is like rebelling against what our parents had taught us in younger years....

For a base that prides itself on its appearance, it is hard to understand the wisdom of allowing gypsy-looking individuals parading around....

One thing is for sure, there is no limit to the imagination of a soldier when it comes to civilian attire.

I am glad that I am not too old to forget that my shirt is to be tucked in, a belt worn with pants, no earrings, shoe laces tied, and never wear a hat indoors unless Under Arms. Yes, I can still recall when a man was a man and you could tell without a doubt. It must be true when they say everything has its price. But is the Army willing to forfeit being the best they can be...?

R. L. Cair
Visiting dignitary

Secondhand smoke

Reference the letter "Smoking at Store" (Feb. 28 Rocket).... To address the individual's concern regarding secondhand smoke and carcinogen exposure, the majority of studies done regarding this issue have addressed indoor air quality, not outdoor air quality. There are known health risks with secondhand smoke exposure inside a building. Unfortunately, there is no known data regarding outdoor air quality and secondhand smoke. The three agencies contacted on this issue were the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office on Smoking and Health/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The good news! Outdoors is considered the best ventilation because it dissipates smoke into the air, thereby decreasing carcinogen exposure. At the commissary, exposure length is limited, further decreasing exposure potential. To reassure the "Smoking at Store" author, smoking is not allowed inside the commissary building, which include areas where food is cut or sliced. Personnel responsible for commissary operations may be able to provide more guidance on this issue.

In conclusion, the individual's concern about smoking in front of the commissary is being addressed and sent through appropriate channels for resolution.

Maj. Constance E. Perkins
Chief, Army Community
Health Nurse

Clarification

An article on page 10 in the Feb. 28 issue about a self-help effort should have stated that government facilities wishing to use the Self-Help Center for a project must first get approval from the Directorate of Public Works.

Organizations should submit a DA form 2701 to the Directorate of Public Works for any type self-help project they want to do, according to Wayne Nevels, supervisor of the Self-Help Center.

101st Airborne helicopters refuel here en route to air assault exercise

By Skip Vaughn

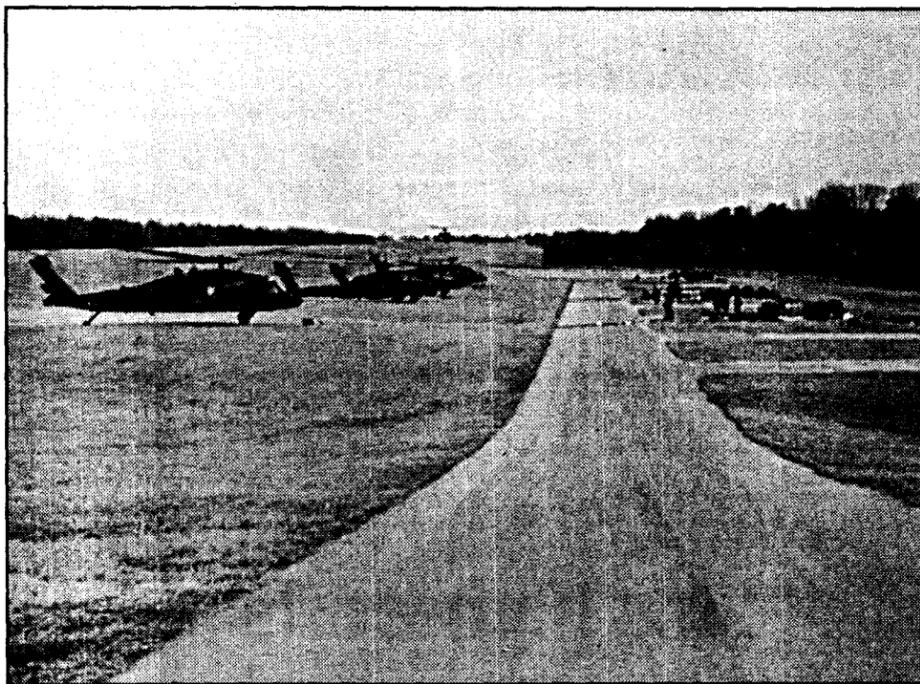
A convoy of helicopters from the 101st Airborne Division converged on Redstone Army Airfield Feb. 28 for a refueling stop en route to an air assault exercise at Fort McClellan.

The approximately 250-mile trip from Fort Campbell, Ky., to Anniston represents the longest air assault in history, according to members of the 101st.

"Once they touch down at McClellan, they would have completed the longest air assault in history which will outdo the air assault conducted for Desert Shield/Desert Storm by approximately 35 miles," said SSgt. Walter Frogge of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, from Fort Campbell.

Redstone represented a fuel and resupply point for the helicopters which included AH-64 Apaches and UH-60 Blackhawks. The aircraft also included CH-47s, each carrying by slingload two Humvee-type vehicles underneath.

Many of the helicopters traveled onto Fort McClellan where they landed at the military operations urban terrain (MOUT) site. "Once they land, we will have part of the task force led by our Alpha Company doing an attack supported by Bravo Company and



REFUELING STOP— Helicopters from Fort Campbell make a refueling stop at Redstone Army Airfield before traveling to Fort McClellan for an air assault exercise.

Delta Company," Frogge said. Twenty-three helicopters would be involved in the assault, he said.

This represented the air assault portion of a field training exercise for the 101st Airborne Division. The soldiers will spend 30 days in the field, from Feb. 20 to March 21, in this so-called gold cycle.

"We do a gold cycle approximately every 90 to 120 days; and they (each) last six to eight weeks," said Sgt. Mark Brain, also of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry from Fort Campbell. He and Frogge work in battal-

ion operations.

Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided assistance for the exercise. "Without the support of RASA here at Redstone, a lot of this could not have been done," Frogge said. "Just about anything we've asked for, we've been able to get—short notice or whatever."

Forty-nine helicopters were scheduled to arrive Feb. 28 from Fort Campbell, according to CWO 4 Randy Sullivan, safety officer for the Directorate of Flight Operations. Another stop here was scheduled

March 4.

Subsequent to this exercise, the 101st Airborne Division will be using systems managed here as part of the Rapid Force Projection Initiative. "Currently our RFPI is integrating with the 101st as they gear toward a large-scale field exercise in fiscal 1998 at Fort Benning, Ga.," Eric Herring, an engineer with the RFPI program management office, said. "They are the designated user group for our RFPI 'system of systems,' several of which are MICOM-managed."



REDSTONE VISIT— The Hudsons are escorted by a soldier during their visit in 1985.

Widow of Col. Hudson dies at her residence in California Feb. 18

Marvele Hudson, widow of Col. Carroll D. Hudson, died Feb. 18 at her residence in a Costa Mesa, Calif., retirement community. Col. Hudson broke ground for Redstone Arsenal in 1941 and served as its first commander. He died in 1992.

Even after leaving Redstone, the Hudsons kept in close contact with the Huntsville community. The community invited them back several times as honored guests, the last occasion being the Huntsville-Madison County Armed Forces Celebration of 1985.

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Investment services available at credit union

By Shari Lovell

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Confidence pays off in post soldier of month competition for February

By Kathy Harkleroad

Spec. Terri Chavez, Headquarters/Alpha Company, has something to cheer about. She was named the Post Soldier of the Month for February during a competition held Feb. 15 at the Challenger.

Chavez, 29, is an old hand at appearing before boards, and said she felt confident about representing the company before this one. "This is my second tour in the Army, and I have appeared before two company boards, two battalion boards and one post-level board before," she said. "This one wasn't easy by no means, but I knew what to expect and was ready."

Chavez decided to appear before the board because she wanted to challenge herself and to prove to herself she could win. "I knew if I didn't make it happen for myself, it won't happen," she said. "I would encourage every soldier to go for it. What you do now determines where you are going to be a few months from now. You need to take that step in the win direction, which is what I did."

Although Chavez was confident entering the competition, she said she was somewhat surprised when she found out she had won. "I was not only surprised, but shocked as well. It was a great feeling and I want to go again and win again," she said.

Chavez said she received support from not only her husband, but other soldiers in her company and squad. "My squad leader, Sgt. Emmanuel Sewer, gave me a lot of support and was constantly quizzing me over and over. The whole section pretty much supported me and put up with me while I was getting ready to appear before the board," she said.

As part of her winnings, Chavez received about \$350 in cash, \$150 in savings bonds, coupons for the PX, gift certificates from area merchants and an Army Achievement Medal.

She lives on post with her husband and two children.



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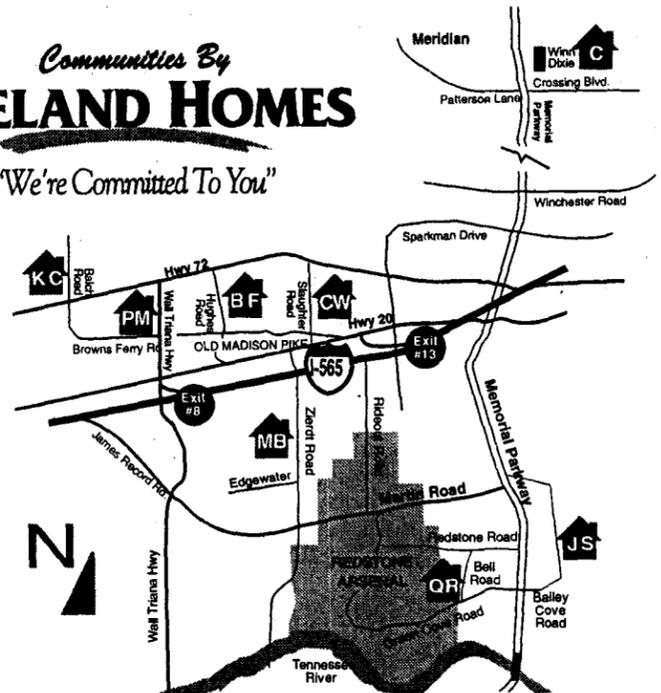
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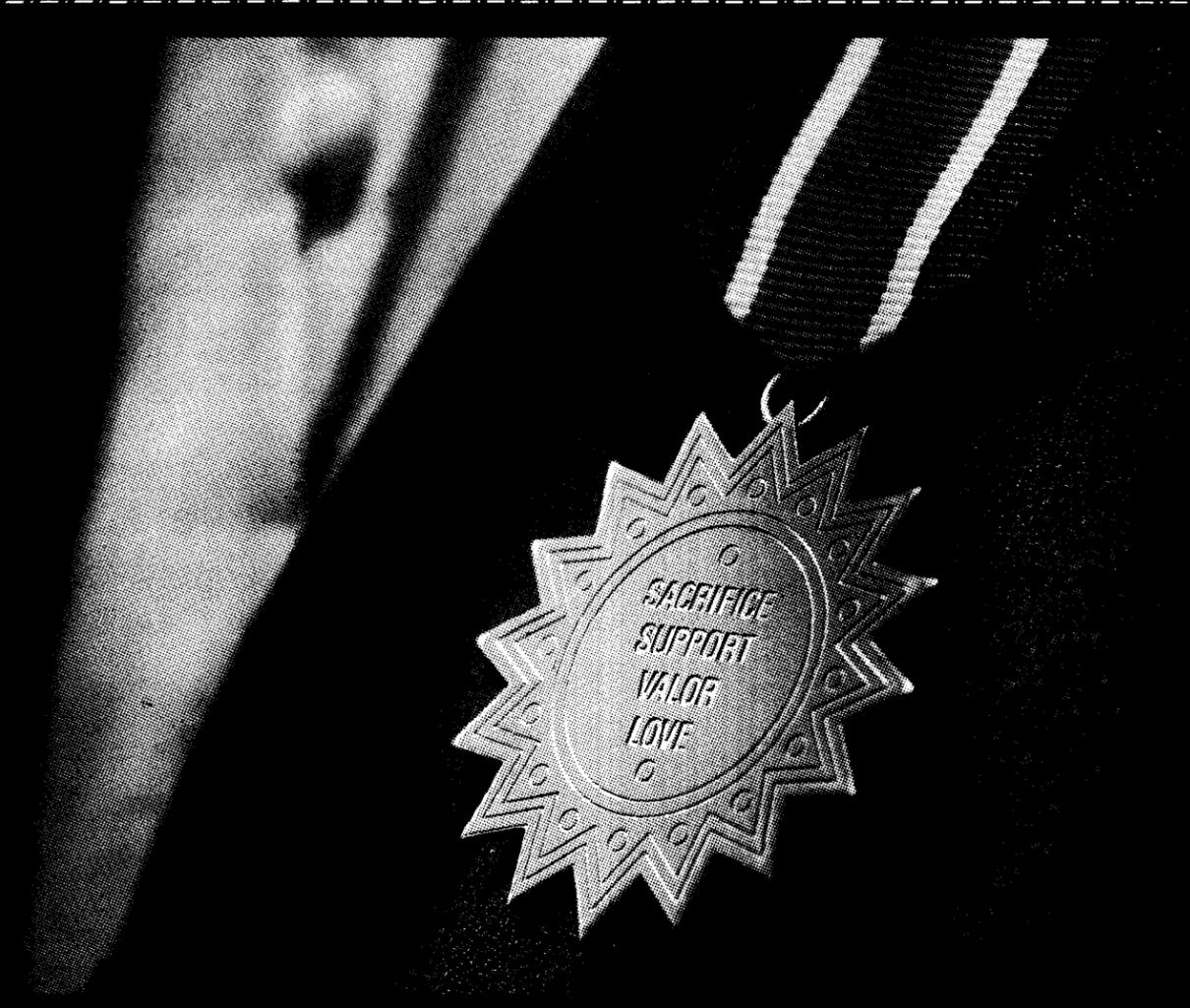
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Florida-based contractor achieves blue ribbon status

By Peggy Hays

Metric Systems Corporation has joined an elite group of contractors recognized by the Missile Command.

A MICOM Blue Ribbon Spares Contractor Award was presented to the company Feb. 26 by Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

MSC's graded performance for on-time delivery, deficiency reports, and rejection rates exceeded the criteria for MICOM's Blue Ribbon Contracting Program.

MSC, a Fort Walton Beach, Fla. company, achieved 100 percent on-time delivery for mechanical assemblies and a zero percent rating in each of the following areas: Quality Deficiency Report (QDR), Quality Verification Sample Rejection Rate (QV), and First Article Test Rejection Rate (FAT).

In presenting the award to MSC's Senior Vice President and Electronics Division Director, Harry Fowler, Link said that the

award "comes with some cost and that cost is excellence." Link commended the contractor for achieving "no rejection rates, no QDRs, no QVs, and no FATs. You are the kind of people we want to do business with."

In response, Fowler said, "Metric comes in with on-time deliveries in better than 98 percent of all of our contracts."

Link concluded the ceremony by welcoming MSC aboard as full-time members of the team.

Forty-six applications for Blue Ribbon status have been received by MICOM's Acquisition Center for their spare/repair parts contracts. Only nine contractors, however, have been awarded a Blue Ribbon.

In accepting the award, Fowler praised the leadership of Executive Vice President and General Manager Charles B. Johnson, stating, "I'm sorry C.J. was not able to be here. He is the one who has the meetings and has us all getting through this on time."



BLUE RIBBON— Link, left, presents a MICOM Blue Ribbon Spares Contractor Award to Fowler of Metric Systems Corporation.

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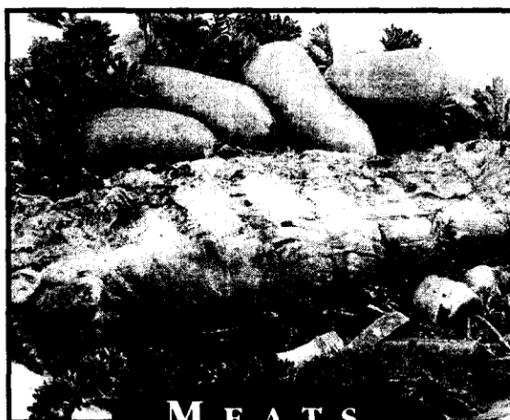
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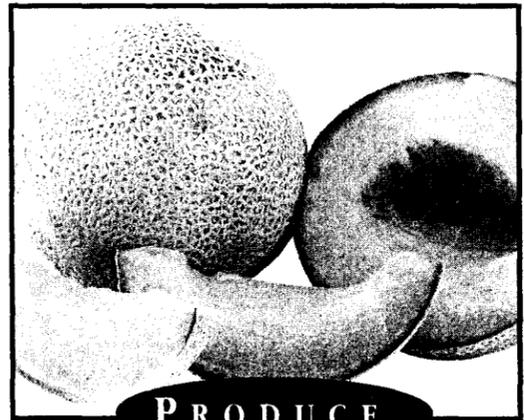
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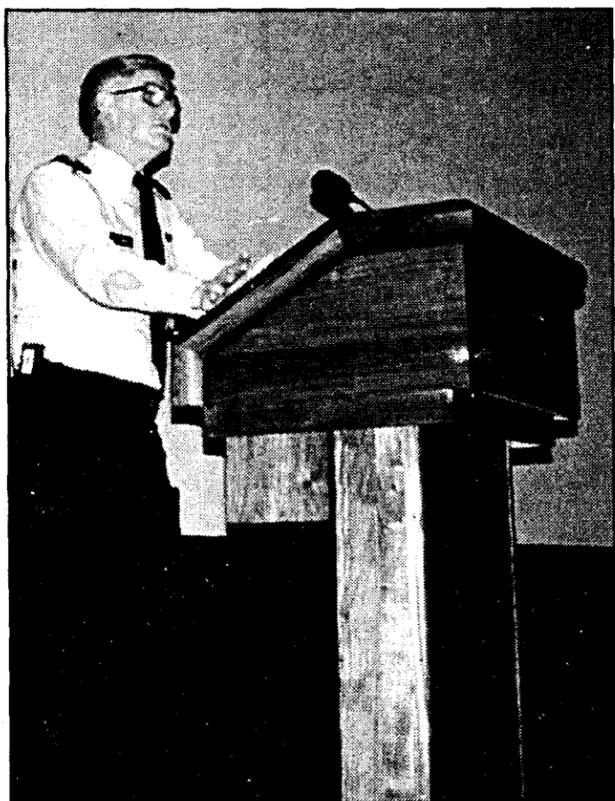
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Annual AER fund drive under way at Redstone



OPENING CAMPAIGN— Solomon addresses the key organizational representatives at the Kickoff for the 1996 Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign.

By Peggy Hays

In its 55th year of operation, the mission of the Army Emergency Relief organization remains the same as when initiated in 1942. Speaking on behalf of Maj. Gen. James Link, post commander, Col. Jim Solomon, acting chief of staff for Redstone Arsenal, expressed enthusiastic support for AER.

Solomon stressed that AER provides "emergency help for active duty and retired personnel." This assistance, he said, is also extended to widows and orphans in the U.S.

Since its founding, Solomon said, AER has provided assistance to more than 2.5 million Army people. "We are especially proud of the Redstone office at ACS headed by Juanita Adams," he said, noting that last year

Redstone Arsenal provided assistance to 198 Army personnel with \$100,000 in financial loans, grants, and scholarships. Solomon thanked the more than 60 workers who attended the campaign training session Feb. 26. He expressed his appreciation, and that of the post commander, for their "helping and caring."

The Kickoff meeting, held Friday at the Sparkman Auditorium, was attended by key representatives from organizations involved in the AER campaign. Capt. Mark Davidson, campaign co-chairman, provided data to support the vast impact of AER. For example, in 1995, AER provided assistance to almost 56,000 soldiers and their families throughout the Army.

Davidson outlined the goals to be completed by May 15 for the Redstone community: obtain \$40,000



AER DRIVE CO-CHAIRMAN— Davidson discusses the assistance provided by AER this past year to personnel Armywide and to Redstone Arsenal.

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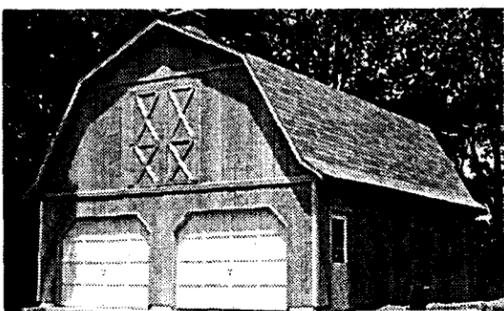
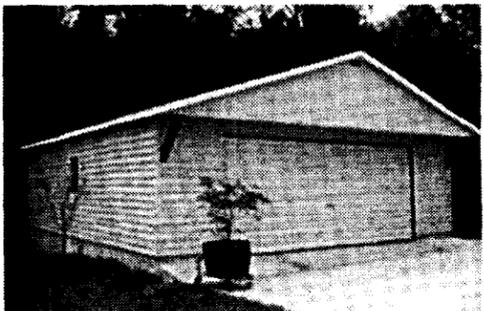
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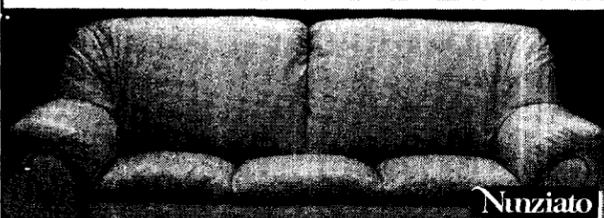


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Parents should take care when leaving child at home

By Kathy Harkleroad

While the movie "Home Alone" was humorous, situations where children are left alone can be a problem. At Redstone several changes have been made to MICOM regulation 600-4 concerning leaving children at home alone.

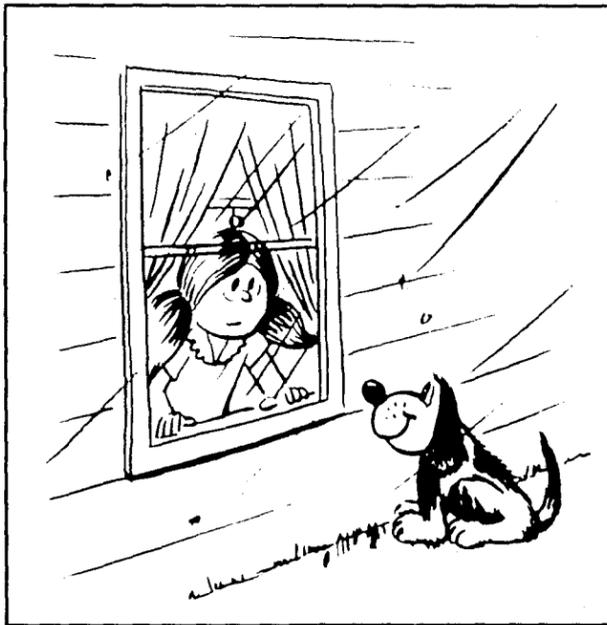
"The regulations have just been rewritten concerning leaving children home alone and we have made them so they are not so cut and dry," Jennifer Clark, Family Advocacy manager at Army Community Service, said. "In the past all we looked at was the child's birthday. If they were under 10 years of age and left unattended, the case was sent to us. With the revisions of the regulation, now we look at several things."

The new regulation states, "Unattended children: Normally, children under 10 years of age will not be left unattended in motor vehicles, in family quarters or at recreation areas without proper supervision. Normally, children under 12 years of age will not be allowed to babysit a younger child. If violations of these guidelines are

reported to the Family Advocacy Case Review Committee, the committee will consider all circumstances surrounding the incident, including the age of the child(ren), maturity of the child(ren), emergency instructions left with the child(ren), and the length of time the child(ren) was (were) left unattended or as a babysitter in determining whether child neglect occurred."

Parents should still take extra care when it comes to leaving children home alone. "Just because a child is 10 years of age, doesn't necessarily mean they are ready to be left alone. There are several things to consider and parents need to take the time to prepare the child if being left alone," Clark said.

"Does the child know what to do in case of an emergency? What if the water pipes burst? Do they know what to do in a situation like that? There are all kinds of emergencies or situations they could be involved with and parents really need to take a hard look at that before they make the decision to leave



the child alone," she said.

Some of the situations Clark mentioned included obscene phone calls, peer pressure, the child's behavior patterns, and the location of the parent. "Last spring we had several instances where children were home alone after school when the tornado warning was going on. Those children were scared to death and were worried if their parents would be able to make it home OK. They wanted to make sure they were OK themselves as well," she

said.

If a parent makes a decision to leave the child home alone, there are several guidelines they should follow. The following is a list they can consider before making that important decision:

- Does your child follow your directions and home rules?
- Does he/she tell where he or she is?
- Does your child generally use good judgment?

- Do you and your child have a good relationship?
- Does he/she tell you about problems at school, at home, or when he/she is alone?
- Have you taught him/her— AND PRACTICED — what to do in case of fire, sickness, stranger at the door or on the phone, and other emergencies?
- Have you checked your house for health and safety hazards?
- Is your neighborhood safe?
- Can your child reach you by phone? Can you come home immediately if needed?
- Do you have a nearby adult who can help in an emergency?
- Do other people— neighbors, teachers, etc. — consider your child responsible?
- Does your child feel good— safe — taking care of himself?
- Do you have a written self-care plan which includes emergency phone numbers, child's responsibilities, what-to-do's, etc.?

- If you have left your children for short periods of time, have they done OK?
- Do you trust your child's choice of friends?

According to Clark, all the aforementioned situations should be considered before leaving a child home alone. "While considering the above situations, the parent must also consider the child's feelings. How do they feel about being left alone? There are some children who don't feel comfortable with that situation and parents should take that into consideration," Clark said.

For parents who don't want to leave their children home alone— for example, after school — there are several options available to them on the Arsenal. "We have the after school-age program at the Youth Center and there are FCC providers who take school age children," Clark said. "Solutions to child care situations are as close as a phone call."

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SSDC establishing project for cruise missile defense

The Army has tasked the Space and Strategic Defense Command to set up a joint-service project office to develop the Defense Department's "first priority" element for defense against land attack cruise missiles.

The Joint Aerostat Project Management Office for Cruise Missile Defense is being set up by SSDC's Missile Defense and Space Technology Center in Huntsville to develop an aerostat that can provide both surveillance and fire control for defense systems such as the Army's Patriot PAC-3 and the Navy's SM2 missile that can shoot down cruise missiles.

An "aerostat" is a large, unpowered balloon moored to the ground by a long cable. From its position above the battlefield, an aerostat-based sensor will allow incoming cruise missiles to be detected, tracked and engaged by surface-based air defense systems even before the targets can be seen by the systems' usual radars.

Aerostats have several characteristics which may make them especially suited to cruise missile defense. They are less expensive to buy and operate than comparable fixed wing aircraft. This makes them the most affordable alternative for achieving a near-term cruise missile defense.

They can stay aloft up to 30 days at a time providing 24-hour per day coverage over extended areas.

The internal pressure of an aerostat is about the same as the exterior pressure. This makes them extremely difficult to shoot down. These balloons can absorb lots of punctures before they lose altitude. When they do, they come down so slowly that they can be reeled in, repaired easily, and sent right back up.

In the long term, aerostats would complement fixed wing aircraft performing a similar mission, and this will provide the U.S. more robust and flexible cruise missile defenses.

Mooring systems for large aerostats covering major portions of a theater of operations would probably be relatively permanent. For short or medium range surveillance, and fire control, aerostats would be smaller and the mooring systems could be transportable or ground-mobile.

Jess Granone, director of MDSTC's Sensors Directorate, is managing the creation of the new office. The project management office will be located in Huntsville and will be headed by an Army colonel.

Currently, the program plans to issue multiple concept definition contracts and then down-select to a single contractor for development.

Army worker cited for efforts during forest fires in Texas

Editor's note: The Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office provided the following article.

As you all know by now, the Texas forest fires have charred more than 2,000 acres of land at Fort Hood. And in the middle of these vast acres stood the Army's A Company, 15th Military Intelligence Battalion Aerial Exploitation Unit.

This unit has the privilege of flying the Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Hunter System. During this time an individual, Wendell Holmes, Systems Support Division, JTUAV Project Office, stands above the rest as being instrumental in the coordination of the gathering of personnel at Longhorn Airfield as the

fires came within a few feet of the Hunter system. When firefighters needed a guide, Holmes jumped on the fire truck and directed them into the area where the fire was encroaching on the airfield. Holmes worked feverishly to move equipment and continued to evaluate the seriousness of the fires.

Holmes worked hand-in-

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Community Mental Health paves road to recovery

By Kathy Harkleroad

Every day at least one person is faced with a mental health problem they don't know how to handle. Every day help is offered at Community Mental Health for those patients who are eligible to utilize their services.

So what are some of the symptoms of a mental health problem? Depression is an easy one; all of us have felt it one time or another, but recognizing it in a family member might be a little more difficult. Anyone is susceptible to depression; and depending on its severity, the problem can be easily handled.

Anxiety or panic attacks is another common problem which can hit at any time or any place. "Sudden feelings of their heart racing, trouble breathing or feelings of everyone is looking at me, are common symptoms of an anxiety attack," Dr. David Ferguson, chief of Community Mental Health, said.

Other problems that are seen at the clinic include relationship problems, transition adjustments, and childhood and adolescence problems. "Since we deal with mostly active duty members and their families, as well as retirees and their family members, we see quite a few issues arise dealing with transition and childhood issues. We also see quite a few problems related to the stresses of military life, both for the soldier and the family member," Ferguson said.

Realizing there might be a problem can be the hardest and the best step to take. "We get quite a few telephone calls from people wanting to know if we can help, either with a problem concerning themselves or a family member. That first step is sometimes the

hardest, but is also the first step in getting treatment," Ferguson said.

"There are quite a few issues that involve mental health and they usually stem from normal everyday issues. We treat depression, anxiety, transition problems, marital counseling, childhood behavior problems, you name it—we have probably seen it," he said.

While the aforementioned issues are the more common ones, Ferguson said the clinic is capable of handling just about every mental health problem. "We have three psychologists, two licensed counselors, three social workers, two interns, one NCOIC, and a new psychiatrist arriving this week," he said. "Between all of us and our past experiences, we have either treated different illnesses, or have some familiarity with them, enough to steer the patient in the right direction."

The clinic handles each situation presented to them in a unique way which could include individual or group therapy. "We also offer marital counseling and family therapy as well," Ferguson said. "It just depends what we think will be the best treatment for the patient. After they are evaluated, we make a course of action and then present it to the patient. We also let them know what goals we are striving for, and what kind of time frame it could take to achieve that goal."

The clinic doesn't just see adult patients. They have counselors on staff who are trained to deal with childhood and adolescence behavior problems, as well as other mental illnesses.

"We have a play room where we treat children and incorporate play therapy into their treatment. In that room they are free to do what they want and a counselor can learn



PLAY THERAPY— Karen Scott, left, and fellow counselor Lucy Burdine use this play therapy room when treating younger patients at Community Mental Health.

quite a bit just from them playing," Ferguson said. "One of the more popular items in the play room is the sand box; the children can bury people or things that represent problems and the counselor can pick up on that. We also have dolls and puppets and encourage art projects from the children. They are very respectful to the room and feel very comfortable in here."

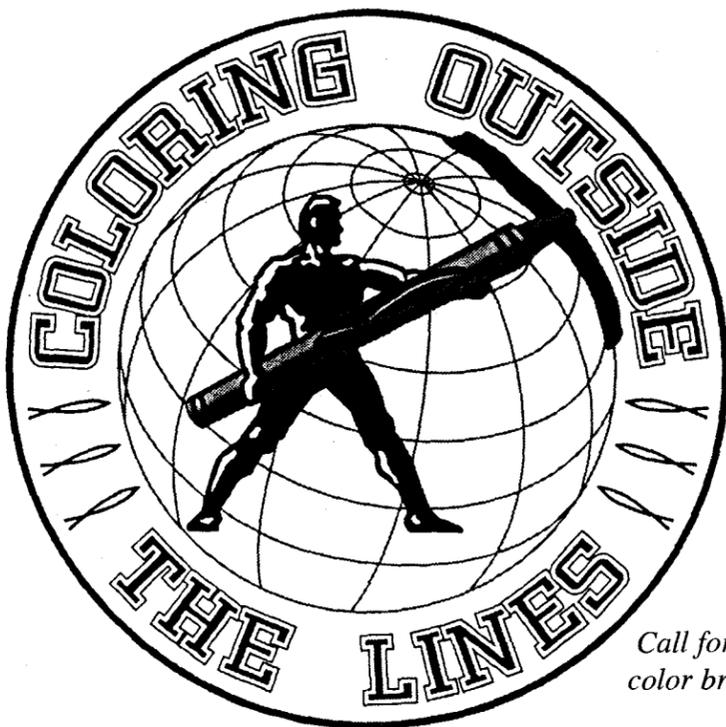
As far as treatment for adults and older children, the treatment is a little different. Individual sessions might include traditional talking, deep relaxation, hypnotherapy, behavior therapy, and biofeedback. "The treatment depends on the counselor and what they feel is necessary and good for the

patient. It differs from patient to patient as each problem is different," Ferguson said.

Treatment for mental illnesses isn't the only thing that is done at the clinic. Counselors and social workers also do unit level visits where they educate the soldier on issues such as suicide prevention, depression, and other mental health issues. "We also do some consulting work for the units when asked," Ferguson said.

Services available at Community Mental Health are free of charge to active duty members, their dependents, and retirees and their family members. More information can be obtained by calling the clinic at 876-9085.

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Alcohol and drug abuse prevention staff provides services from new location

By Kathy Harkleroad

The building and phone numbers may have changed, but the services offered by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (ADAP) and Control Program are the same. The program office has moved to building 3204 on Little John Road and is no longer directly under the umbrella of the Community Counseling Center.

"Due to several re-organizational changes that took place during September 1994, we are no longer a part of the Community Counseling Center. They fall under MEDDAC and Fox Army Community Hospital, where we fall under the Personnel and Training Directorate," Ruby Turner-Blake, chief of ADAP, said. The program moved to its new location last December and has stayed busy.

"We are responsible for several programs within our office and each is aimed at getting help and educating the workers on the Arsenal," Turner-Blake said. "We see both active duty and retired military members and their dependents, as well as civilian Department of Defense employees. We are also the first point of contact for supervisors when it comes to obtaining help for an employee or servicemember and refer patients to one of several locations."

One of the first stops a supervisor or employee will make is to the office of Ed Fahey who does the initial

screening. Fahey will determine what problem the potential patient might have, and will refer them to the proper counselor or rehabilitation clinic. "I am also the liaison between the supervisor and the counselor when it comes to dealing with patients," he said. "It is hard to be objective when you are a counselor and answer any questions the supervisor might have. I can get the answers and look at the question and solution objectively and help the supervisor and patient at the same time."

Fahey also conducts the mandatory training session for DoD supervisors every third Tuesday of the month in building 5250; and he would be willing to travel to individual offices for training. "Sometimes it is easier for me to go to the supervisors when it comes to training and I would also be willing to work with the employees themselves. On-site training often works better as well," he said.

He can be reached at 842-9896 for more information on the training program and for any other questions on the initial screening.

Anna Whisenant, education coordinator, works with the community in establishing programs directed at preventing substance abuse. She also works closely with the youth associated with the Arsenal and makes visits to the Child Development Center as well.

"We have several programs that involve the youth and work closely with

the children in increasing their self-esteem which will in turn prevent the substance abuse," Whisenant said. "We are also in the initial process of restarting the Peer Helpers program (also known as Best Kids) and will be working closely with the school-age program at CDC (Child Development Center)."

Whisenant is also involved in peer helper programs at the middle school and high school levels and works closely with the school in a variety of programs. She can be reached

at 842-9897 for more information.

Paula Hagey, the Institutional Biochemical test coordinator, works closely with military units and supervisors of employees in testing designated positions. She is the person who schedules the urinalysis tests given to soldiers and employees.

Once the samples have been given, she is responsible for inspecting each of the containers and proper paperwork accompanying them and ships them off to



FRIENDLY HELP— Personnel at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program office have moved into a new building, but still offer the same services to employees on the Arsenal. From left in the front row are Anna Whisenant and Ruby Turner-Blake; back row from left are Paula Hagey, Ed Fahey and David Bates.

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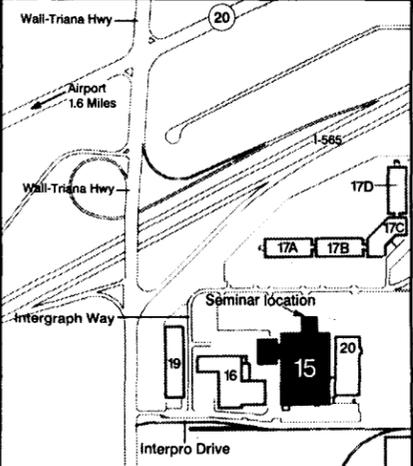
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Sports

Special Olympics bowling tournament brings smiles to all

By Peggy Hays

The event was planned as one of fun and participation. To anyone viewing the Special Olympians and the Redstone Arsenal soldiers who served as their personal coaches, it certainly appeared as if that goal was accomplished.

Plamor Lanes was the site Thursday of the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament for children in Huntsville City and Madison County Schools and for adults from the community and from the Opportunity Center. The entire bowling alley was filled with enthusiasm, laughter, handclapping in appreciation of the accomplishments of others, and proud smiles on the part of the Olympians, soldiers, parents, teacher's aides, teachers, Interact Club members, and organizers. In other words, it looked like everyone was having fun.

To both observers and participants, it appeared to be one of those magical moments that are so elusive and so rare. It was special to Kay Scott, Madison County Schools Special Olympics coordinator, "because everybody is a winner. Everybody gets a chance to participate,"

she said. "Everybody gets to do their best."

It was a special moment to SSgt. Larry Womack who served as one of the personal coaches. "Everybody gets so much enjoyment from it. Seeing the smiles when the pins fall makes it all worthwhile," he said. "Some of these kids have never bowled before and they were pretty nervous. But each time they are up, they are getting better and better."

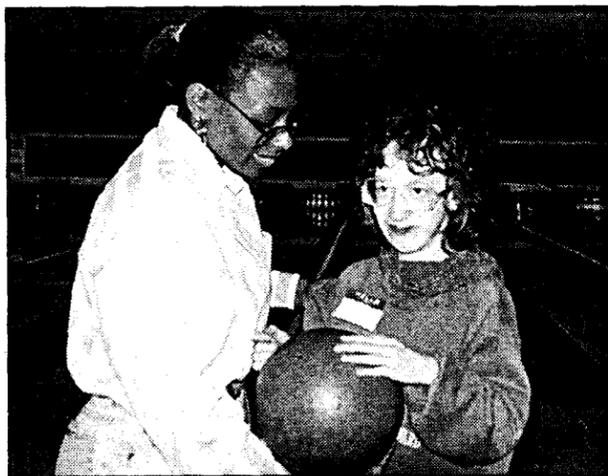
For Capt. W. Collier Slade, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company MICOM, the spe-

cial feeling was in the number of repeat volunteers he observed. "Many of the same ones doing this last year are here today," he said. "I'm proud of the soldiers. It just goes to show that today's soldier is multi-faceted."

For Virginia Dempsey, the family services coordinator for Army Community Service, the morning session with its 120 Special Olympian children and the afternoon session with the 50 Special Olympian adults was the culmination of hours of planning and effort. The day would be long but re-



HAVING FUN— Jessica Cagle, on left, and Daniel Norris of Riverton Middle School rejoice with their personal coach SPC Rhonda Patterson of HHC MICOM.



SPECIAL OLYMPIAN— Brooke Pope confers with her personal coach Sgt. Patrice Brown prior to her next turn to bowl. Pope attends the academy for Academics and Arts; Brown is assigned to HHC MICOM.

warding. Her role and that of the ACS Exceptional Family Member Program was to "help coordinate the soldier volunteers for the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament." With 60 soldiers participating in the morning and afternoon sessions to assist the bowlers, her coordination efforts had indeed been successful.

For Ray Weinberg, Special Olympics tournament director, the special moment was seeing that his scheduling plans worked again. Weinberg began his volunteer work at least a decade ago. He doesn't recall the

exact year but he does remember that it was discovered that "he could do all the scheduling and I've been doing it ever since."

"The county and city give me the names of all the bowlers, their bowling average, age, and sex," he said, explaining that he also incorporates the Special Olympic rules. "I put all this into my own program in my comput-

er and set up the schedules. Once it's done, I send it back to the schools and they check it." Weinberg added that his many helpers included The Retired Officers Association and the Huntsville Bowling Association.

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Sports

Youth sports programs require certified coaches for all sports

By Peggy Hays

The mission of the Arsenal's Youth Services sports programs for youngsters, age 4-18, is simple. According to Missy Richards, youth sports director, the purpose is to not only teach children the "skills they need to be competitive but also to enhance sportsmanship, moral ethics and self-esteem."

With registration already under way for the baseball and softball seasons, Richards explained how the youth sports program intends to fulfill that mission. "All our coaches have to be certified," she said. "We pay for their certification from the National Youth Sports Certification Association."

"They have to go to two night classes before they are allowed to coach. This is where they are informed of ways to teach children."

Certification, Richards said, began just this year in basketball. Previously, some coaches had attended classes voluntarily. From now on, though, "this will be mandatory for every sport," she said.

During the classes, the coaches will watch film and take a test. The classes "deal with the do's and don'ts of how to effectively coach children," Richards said, noting that if you are already certified in basketball, for example, attendance is only required on the second night as that session is geared to that specific sport.

Youth Services supports two other areas that enhance all-around development. First, an evaluation process is used for the selection of teams,

thereby providing each team with a fair chance to be competitive." Secondly, All-Star teams are eliminated. "After registration ends, we evaluate each child in three to five areas," Richards said, explaining that the evaluations refer to hitting, throwing and running. "We have a blind draw to divide our teams and teams are balanced by player ability. In other words, we don't stack teams by putting the best players on the same team."

In addition, instead of All-Star teams which highlight the individual, Richards stated that in past years, "we sent teams with the best seasonal record to tournaments."

For this new sports season, the baseball commissioner is also new. He's MSgt. Anthony Summerville. Summerville's role encompasses both softball and baseball. He assists in the overall program in a variety of roles such as "finding volunteer coaches, helping with the evaluations and the balancing of teams," Richards said. "He helps me oversee the games being played."

Another first for this season for Youth Services will be the opportunity for DoD civilian dependents to participate in the sports programs. "This will carry throughout each sport," Richards said.

For parents new to Youth Services, Richards clarified one area that may be of concern. To minimize injury to the younger players, softer balls are used rather than the regulation baseballs that may be more familiar to parents. "We don't use a regular baseball in our T-

ball and coaches pitch," she said.

Richards, who played basketball for the University of North Alabama and graduated with a degree in physical education, returned to the youth sports director's position on a full-time basis this past November. She's not new, however, having filled the director's position on sever-

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READY FOR FIRST PITCH— Richards explains the finer points of batting to youngsters readying for Opening Day. Registration ends April 1. From left are Antonio Hayes, Rickey Cook, Daryl Riggs, and Richards.

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Sports & Recreation

Prerace favorite, newcomer win UAH Spring 10K on Sunday

By Skip Vaughn

The prerace favorite won the overall title while a member of the South African kayak team was the top female at the annual UAH Spring 10K held Sunday at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

David Purinton, 28, of Madison, took first in 34:55. Ruth Nortje', 29, a native South African who has been living in Huntsville for two months, was the top female finisher in 44:27. The 89 finishers included 12 females.

"It's a fairly challenging course; it's not a real fast course," Purinton, who has been outdueling the local competition lately, said. With a sunny, warm day, a slight breeze was the only weather obstacle on this hilly double-loop course.

Nortje', an Olympic hopeful in sprint kayaking,

lived in Tennessee for a year before moving to Huntsville. She hopes to qualify for the Olympics by finishing in the top four in the European and African division in a kayaking competition in Spain in May.

"I did my two 5Ks in exactly the same time," Nortje' said after this race on dry land. "Trying to apply some kayaking principles here," she added, laughing.

Male: Overall— David Purinton (34:55).

15-under— Daniel Miner (52:34). 15-19— Tom Williams (41:27), Mike Mukahy (41:59), Alec Bonne' (50:25). 20-29— Steven Doyling (37:32), Arthur Ellis (38:37), Kyle Merritt (38:56), Patrick Fagerman (40:08). 30-39— Alexander Steel (38:46), Carl Hosmer (38:52), Robert Hake (39:47), Andre Nortje' (40:44). 40-49—

Joe Francica (35:35), Clint Jones (36:06), Steve Rice (36:41), Forrest Callicutt (37:50). 50-59— Jim Upton (39:15), Dwight McPherson (40:36), Wendell Sandlin (43:02), Mike Marshall (43:16). 60-69— Malcolm Gillis (41:36), Tim Hopper (42:43), Gresh Downs (45:17), Charles Terrell (49:01). 70-over— Gene Simonson (59:48), E.R. Ritch (1:03:00).

Female: Overall— Ruth Nortje' (44:27).

20-29— Kelly Pace (46:20), Janie Oaks (48:53). 30-39— Michelle Tabul (49:09), Lisa Hightower (55:53). 40-49— Cheryl Ibarra (49:27), Diann Easley (52:18). 50-59— Anne Park (50:52), Barbara Meyer (53:01), Mary McCay (56:01), Jackie Clark (56:26), Deloris Mohlere (1:01:00).

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CIVILIAN WELLNESS CENTER: Activities— An Introduction to CWC class will be held 11 a.m. March 6 in building 5303, room 3147. "Rear View," a lecture on the gluteus maximus, will be held 11-noon March 11 at building 4460. The second annual Shamrock Shuffle will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 14 at the CWC track. For more information, call 955-6844.

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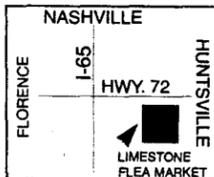
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Patient's s.s. number required for appointments

By Kathy Harkleroad

Patients calling for appointments or wishing treatment at Fox Army Community Hospital will soon encounter requests for additional information.

Due to software changes in the new Composite Health Care System (CHCS), patients appointments and scheduled treatments will no longer run off of the sponsor's social security number. The patient will need to provide their own social security number in order to make appointments and receive treatment.

"Family members will need to provide their own social security numbers, and that does include children, in order to access the CHCS system," Capt. Christopher Pate, chief of Clinical Support Division, said. "During the next couple of weeks, we will be looking at way to ease the transition to the new software upload and are requesting the help of the patients in supplying the information that is required."

Pate said the change will happen within the next two weeks and family members should begin preparing now. "Since this is tax time and all family members social security numbers are readily available, it would be a perfect time to make a note of them and keep them in an accessible spot," he said.

Former NMD program manager receives Exceptional Civilian Service Award

By Gerda Sherrill

Jerry Cavender, former program manager of the National Missile Defense (NMD) Program Office, received the Exceptional Civilian Service Award from Brig. Gen. Richard Black, program executive officer for missile defense, in a recent ceremony. This is the highest award given by the Army to a civilian employee.

Cavender was recognized for "successfully navigating the Army's program for National Missile Defense to provide a cost effective NMD program to defend the nation against limited attacks; also for significant contributions while in previous key management positions in the U.S. Army ballistic missile defense research and development."

As NMD program manager from August 1992 to March 1995, Cavender di-

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Cavender attended Vanderbilt University and Middle Tennessee State University where he received his bachelor's degree in mathematics/physics. He



PRESENTATION— Black, left, presents to Cavender the Exceptional Civilian Service Award.

holds a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Alabama and has done postgraduate work in management science.

His prior military assign-

ments include those of assistant professor at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point; and II Corps ordnance adviser at the Military Advisory Com-

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Cavender and his wife, Patsy, have three grown children and two grandchildren and reside in Arab.

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ATCOM

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Gen. John Cusick, commander of ATCOM; and Paul Bagosian, the acting PEO for Aviation.

As part of the base realignment, two new buildings will be added to the Sparkman Center complex. Plans are to award a construction contract toward the end of March.

"In addition to that contract, there'll be a contract let this summer— probably in the July time frame — for the renovation of building 5681," Chapman said. "That will be part of the move. PEO Aviation is scheduled to go into that building."

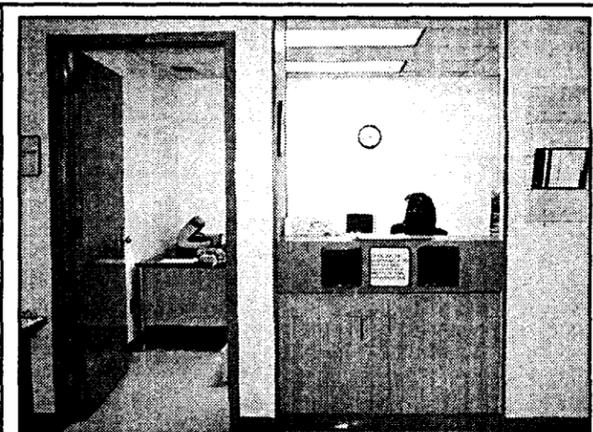
No longer involved in the realignment plans are the more than 330 jobs at the Logistics Systems Support

Center, formerly called the Systems Integration and Management Activity-West, in St. Louis. U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., challenged whether SIMA-West was included in the base realignment decision. Secretary of the Army Togo West subsequently decided that SIMA-West was not part of the move.

There will be a joint plan of action between the Realignment and Transition Office here and the ATCOM base realignment office, with input from various organizational planning teams and enabling teams. "While you're moving, you still have to make sure you're continuing to perform the mission of both missiles and aviation commodities," Chapman said. His counterparts in St. Louis include Dave Weller of ATCOM, and Ted Vytlacil of PEO Aviation.

Chapman, 47, is on detail from the Integrated Materiel Management Center where he served as deputy director since April 1991. He was born in Texas, has family in Atlanta, but Huntsville has been his home since 1976. Chapman graduated from Georgia State University in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in business management. His nearly 24 years of government service includes three years as a soldier. He and his wife, Brenda, have a daughter, Michele, 20, a junior at Auburn University.

"The Missile Command and the Aviation & Troop Command both have a long history of excellence. I anticipate that continuing when you put the two organizations together," Chapman said, "and that they will form a team that will be the pride of the Army."



New look...

Patients at the Primary Care Clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital will soon see a new clinic of sorts. The current two clinics are being combined into one as construction gets under way. The adjoining wall in the front of both clinics will be demolished and the waiting and reception areas will be combined and enlarged. Other renovations are also scheduled to take place in the clinic which includes the addition of sinks and other equipment in some of the exam room. The renovation project is expected to take a couple of months to complete and will be accomplished in two stages. Pictured is Doris Montgomery, one of the receptionists at the clinic in the old reception area.

SPORTS

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at past occasions.

Her background and experience have been an asset. For example, she's empowered the volunteer coaches to decide practice times as well as where the games for coaches' pitch teams will be played.

"We have one field for each age group," she said. "The coaches basically work out their own practice times."

As for coaches' pitch, the

City of Huntsville Parks and Recreation Department is interested. "The city wants us definitely to play with them," Richards said. "I'm going to leave that open to the coaches."

Richards states the hardest part of beginning a baseball or softball season, or any season, is recruiting coaches. Some incentives for prospective coaches are two items that can be measured, fee reduction and the opportunity to have their child on their team, and an intangible that can't be ade-

quately measured.

If a parent coaches a team, Richards stated, his or her child does not have to pay a registration fee and assistant coaches pay only half price for the first child. The regular fee is \$20 per child or \$50 for the family plan which includes all sports for one year from date of registration.

Richards concluded that parents are encouraged and needed as volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, or team parents. "I feel the more sports programs or

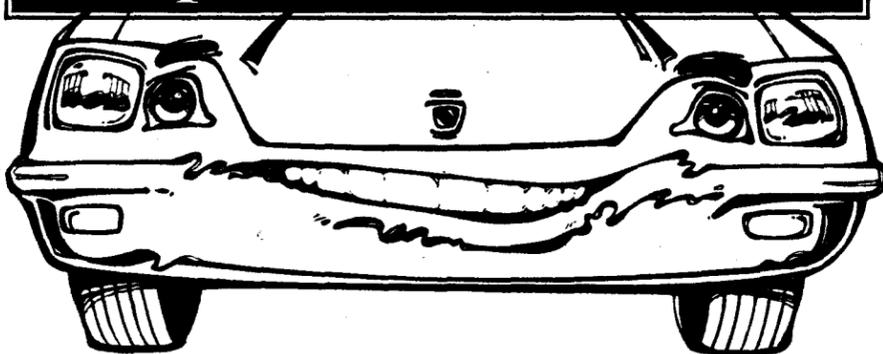
other supervised leisure activities parents can keep their children involved in, the better their long-term rewards will be," she said. "I have also found that the more involvement and support the parents have in their children's activities, the more the child benefits."

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READINESS

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month. For the month of Dec. 16-Jan. 15, the average readiness rate for the 19 systems tracked was 96 percent. Eighteen either met or exceeded the Army's 90 percent goal; and the 19th system was 80 percent.

"Ninety-six percent is the highest it's ever been," Elinor Burleson, a logistics management specialist in the analysis and sustainment division, said. "It's the highest it's been in the last 10 years, and that's as far back as I've got information on. And it's never been below 90 percent all those years. But the time we did Desert Storm, it got down to 90. We recovered from that, and we're enjoying high readiness rates."

MICOM's intensive method of tracking readiness is a factor in the high rates, according to Martin. Department of Army requires rates for the 15th day of each month, but this command tracks systems more frequently. Some missile systems, like TOW on Bradley, are tracked weekly; and some, like Patriot, are tracked daily. When a problem is identified, mem-

bers of the analysis and sustainment division start working to correct it. Logistic assistance representatives are in the field providing technical assistance. Support comes from throughout MICOM and from other organizations such as the project offices, the program executive offices, the Logistic Assistance Activity, and the Defense Logistics Agency.

"And so we've really got a team approach," Martin said. "The real key to success has been Team Redstone. It's been a real team effort."

"One thing that's truly remarkable to me is that we have achieved these rates in times of very severe constraints on staffing and budgets," he said. "So we've really had to work hard to achieve those rates given the austere environment we've had to work with today. It's just a new way of life for us."

The missile systems are with Army units worldwide, including many National Guard units. "Currently we've got equipment in Bosnia, and six LARs (logistic assistance representatives) in Bosnia supporting that equipment," Martin said. Also, the Patriot sys-

tem remains in Saudi Arabia in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War; and three LARs are there providing support. Training operations, including Army missile systems, occur periodically throughout the world such as Operation Bright Star in Egypt.

"Lots of activity around

the world so it's very important that we keep our readiness up; and we're very proud that we've been able to achieve that. 'We' being

the MICOM community, because it's a team effort," Martin said.

Burleson also expressed her delight at seeing the sys-

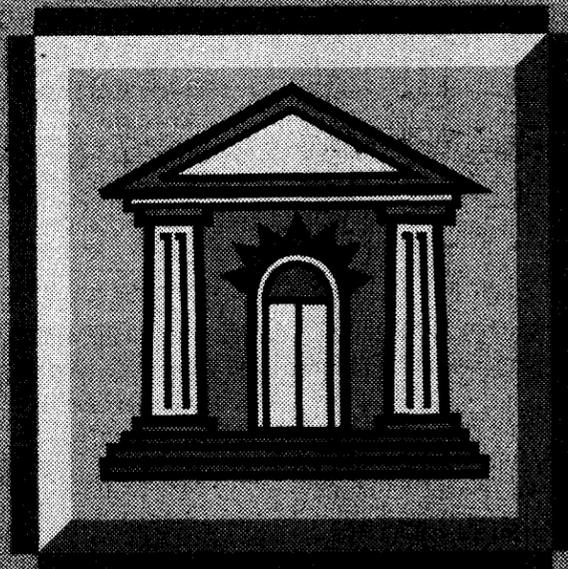
tems fully-mission capable. "Everybody's worked hard, done a good job, and I'm just glad to have been a part of it," she said.

MICOM SYSTEMS READINESS AVERAGES JANUARY 1996

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AN/TSQ73	100	100	100			
ATAS	100	100				
AVENGER	99	99	99	100	100	
BSTF	98	98	100	81	100	
DRAGON	99	99	99	98	100	100
FISTV	92	92	92	91		
G/VLLD GROUND	95	96		97	100	100
HELLFIRE	99	99	99	100		
LCSS	94	90	100	100	100	
LCSS SUPPL	100	100	100	100	100	
LSDIS	97	96		100		
MLRS	96	96	97	95		
MMS	96	96		100		
TOW 2 HMMWV	98	98	96	100	95	
TOW 2 ITV	92	92				
TOW M65	96	96		97	96	
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SMA scholarships— The Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association is providing the opportunity for a graduating high school senior to receive a scholarship for the upcoming school year. Recipient of the scholarship must meet all of the following requirements: The student must be the family member of a retired, active duty, or deceased NCO. Applicants will provide evidence of acceptance to an accredited institution and submit an official high school transcript. Transcript must show that the student

maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. All applicants will submit a 500-word essay on one of three chosen subjects listed in the application. All applications must be received on or before April 19. Applications can be obtained at the Challenger, the Recreation Center, and from unit sergeants major. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Gary Suckow 842-9671.

Youth tennis clinic— Registration for the 1996 Spring Break Tennis Clinic is under way at the Huntsville Tennis Center or YMCA on Blue Springs Road, in Madison at the Senior Citizen's Center on Hughes Road or the Madison Recreation Services Office on Sullivan Street. The tennis clinic, set for March 25-29, is for ages 6 to 18. All registration fees are tax deductible. Registration is \$65. For families with more than one child, the cost is \$45 for each additional child. Mail registrations to Youth Development Association (YDA), 4192 Sullivan St., Madison 35758. For more informa-

tion, call the YDA office 464-9906.

Rules of road— The Provost Marshal Office provided the following reminder: "Motorists are required by Alabama State Law to yield the right of way to emergency vehicles, i.e., ambulance, fire, police and any other emergency vehicles responding to an emergency with lights. Once an emergency vehicle has been observed, a driver should automatically and safely attempt to pull to the right side of the roadway to permit the emergency vehicle to pass safely. Failure to comply with these laws could cause loss of lives, delayed response by emergency personnel, and result in a fine."

Garden plots— Planting season will soon be here. There are two garden areas on post: Vincent Drive and Wesson Circle. A meeting for those interested in garden plots will be held at 4 p.m. March 15 in room 143, building 111. Applications and assignment will be made

on a first-come, first-serve basis. All active military servicemembers residing on or off post and retired servicemembers are eligible to sign for a garden plot. For information call MSgt. Tolbert, housing NCO-in-charge, 842-6161.

Medical support groups — Adults With Diabetes, sponsored by the North Alabama Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. or the first Thursday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at Optimal Health, 910 Adams St.... Care and Share, for people who are dealing with cancer, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Huntsville Hospital; for information call 551-6591.... Pathways to Parenthood- An Infertility Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9

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ABUSE

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the proper labs. She is also conducts training classes in order to certify and/or recertify the unit alcohol/drug coordinators. She can be reached at 876-3082 for more information.

David Bates oversees the new mentor program established last year which is aimed at children in the third grade. Volunteer mentors from the Arsenal visit area children while they are in school and help with homework, life problems and just spend a little time being a friend. "We pair a child at risk with a mentor, who in turns becomes a friend to them. This way the child has someone to look up to and with the establishment of a bond, raises the child's self-esteem and hopefully will prevent any substance abuse in the future," Bates said.

The program has been deemed a success; and Bates encourages anyone who would like to become a mentor to give him a call. "This is an excellent way to have an impact on a young child's life and gives the mentor a chance to help the community as well. We are constantly looking for mentors and anyone is welcome to call," Bates said. He can be reached at 955-0748.

General information on the alcohol and drug abuse prevention program can be obtained by calling 876-2990. They also have a well stocked library complete with literature and videotapes for interested persons.

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Charities— March 31 is the deadline for health and human care agencies or federations to apply for participation in the fall Alabama State Employee Combined Charitable Campaign. Agencies or federations desiring to participate should call Mark Jefferson, ASECCC campaign manager, 536-0745.

Patriot 5K— The sixth annual Patriot 5K Run will be held Saturday at Bob Jones High School on Hughes Road in Madison. The 5K road race will start at 8 a.m. and will be followed by a one mile fun run at 8:45. The race is sponsored by the Bob Jones Athletic Booster Club with all proceeds going to the athletic programs at Bob Jones HS. Registration fee is \$10. For more information, call Forrest Strobel 772-8357 or Lou Davis 461-8477.

Smoking cessation— Smoking is an expensive habit costing you time, money and above all, your

health, says Fox Army Community Hospital. Join Fox Hospital's smoking cessation program to help kick the habit. The schedule is as follows: 9-10:30 a.m. March 12; 9-10 a.m. March 14, 19, 21 and 26; and 9-10:15 a.m. April 2. Group support sessions are from 11 a.m. until noon April 9, 15, 30 and May 14. These 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 at the same number.

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 11 in building 3202 (union office). For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Post softball teams— Tryouts are planned for men's and women's post softball teams. Active-duty military only. Sign up at Pagano Gym. For information call Donald Lewis or Joe Reed 876-6701.

Master's degree— Nova Southeastern University will

offer a master of business administration degree in Huntsville with classes beginning April 19-20. An application/registration meeting will be held 6 p.m. March 13 at McDonnell Douglas, building 3, auditorium classroom, 655 Discovery Drive. To RSVP or for application information call William Spade 1-800-672-7223, ext. 7647, or Mike Hodges in Woodville (205) 574-2050.

Weather alert radios— Redstone housing residents can get severe-weather alert radios on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Self-Help Center, building 3500. "It can save lives," Wayne Nevels, supervisor of the center, said. "This is for housing (residents) only." The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8-1:30 Saturday. For more information, call 842-8259.

Insurance briefings— Guy Jones, a representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, will be at Redstone from 1:30-4 p.m. March 14 in building 5304, room

4264. This will be on a first-come, first-serve basis; no appointments.... Christopher Fisher, a Mailhandlers representative, will be at Redstone from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 in building 5304. No appointment required; attendees will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis. Fisher will have his computer, so if anyone has questions on claims he will be able to help.

Red Cross blood program— March 7, from 8-noon, at building 3711, call Dianne Campbell 876-5492. March 8, from 7-noon, building 4488, Leslie Summers 842-6125. March 14, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., building 4752 (NASA), Edwina Bressette 544-8115; from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5304 (Sparkman Center), Mae Hargrove 876-4678 or alternate Peggy Adams 876-3760; and from 8:30-11 a.m. at building 8027, Rodger Pitzer 842-0731. March 21, from 7-9:30 a.m., building 5435, Tenna McGee 842-8131; and from 11 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. at Thiokol, Mary Cash 882-8219. March 22, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Linda Kneel 842-8424; from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SSDC, Al Longhi 955-4164; and from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at Corps of Engineers, Nancy Villasana 895-1233. March 28, from 7-noon, building 5250, Judy Hullett 876-0789. March 29, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Fox Army Community Hospital, Capt. Hickman 876-5893.

Downtown theatre— The Theatre Round the Corner, 214 Holmes Ave., will present the comedy "Murder at Howard Johnson's" March 8-29. For more information, call 539-PLAY.

Retired employees— The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Huntsville Chapter will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., with the program at 10. For more information, call 837-0382.

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Post Theater movies— Friday, "An Eye for an Eye," R, 101 minutes. Saturday, "Grumpier Old Men," PG-13, 110 minutes. Sunday, "Grumpier Old Men." Friday, "Heat," R, 174 minutes. Showtime is 7 p.m. Admission is adults \$2.50, children \$1.25.

Brotherhood 5K— The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold its annual Brotherhood Run 5K and one-mile Fun Run, March 30

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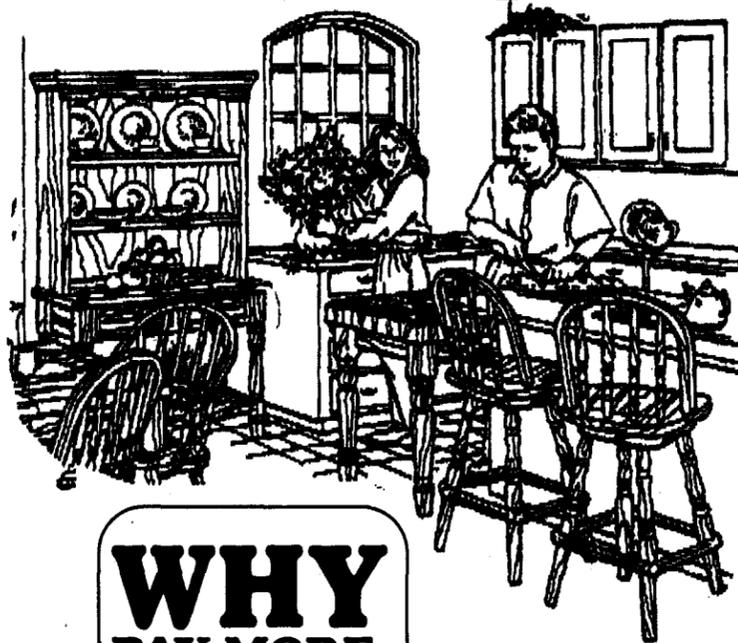
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Federally Employed Women

The Federally Employed Women will meet at 11:15 a.m. March 21 at building 5250, the executive dining room. All members are urged to attend. For more information, call Mae Hargrove 876-4678 or Rosie Douglas 842-7700.

Learning centers

Videos on relevant topics are shown each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Army learning centers. Here's the schedule for March 12-14: "Tapping Into Your Creativity," at the Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319. "The Power of Vision, Discovering the Future," at the North ALC, building 3222.

University women

The American Association of University Women will hold its annual Legislative Public Forum from 7-9 p.m. March 11 at the Municipal Building on the first floor in the City Council chambers. Selected topics of state interest will be presented and discussed with state legislators. "Audience participants are

encouraged to address current issues and let our state legislators know positions from the community." AAUW promotes education, equity for women and self-development; for membership information, call Frances 534-4362.

Fox Hospital anniversary

The Fox Army Community Hospital 55th Anniversary Ball will be held 6 p.m. April 12 at the Officers Club. Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. March 15 in the pharmacy lobby area of Fox Hospital. Cost is \$12 for E-5 and above, and civilians; cost for E-4 and below will be announced. Dress for the ball is: military, Class A's with white shirt and bow tie or dress blues; and equivalent attire for civilians. For information call Melba Moody 876-6890.

Thrift Shop

March 29 is the deadline for April contribution requests from the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop makes welfare contributions three times a year—April, August and November. The deadlines for these periods are as follows: April time period, March 29; August time period, July 31; and November time period, Oct. 31. Requests can be ad-

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Buffalo Soldiers banquet

The Atlanta Buffalo Soldiers Cavalry Association will hold its fifth Buffalo Soldiers (black tie) Banquet and Ball, April 27 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in College Park, Ga. This event will pay honor to 2nd Lt. Henry O. Flipper, West Point's first black graduate (year 1877). Proceeds will go toward building a national statue in his honor. Scheduled speaker is Greg Allen Williams of the "Baywatch" television series. Cost of the banquet is \$35. For reservations call Maj. Don North (770) 487-4137 or Maj. Dave Survine (770) 968-0007 by March 20.

Butler High theater

The Butler High School theater group will present "Little Shop of Horrors" March 14, 15 and 16 in the BHS auditorium. Performances will be held at 7:30 each night and a matinee March 16 at 2:30 p.m. Twenty-five cast members are involved in the production. Tickets are available by calling Kelly Flowers 532-

3095 Monday through Friday. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students for the evening performances. Matinee ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The play is under the direction of Mike Chappell.

Marine Corps league

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment 820 of the Marine Corps League will meet at 6 p.m. March 12 at the American Legion on Drake Avenue. A brief business meeting will be followed by a St. Patrick's Day meal and entertainment. Members, and those Marines who would like to become members, are invited.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. March 14 at the Trinity Personal Growth Center, 600 Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Jeff Thompson, director of the Small Business Development Center. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590.

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Overstock gridlock at Woody Anderson Ford means colossal savings

February's record cold, combined with abnormal snow, sleet and ice, has kept shoppers staying in and leaving retailers out in the cold. Car dealers have been hard hit. And new car dealers are especially hard hit.

Every unsold car on their lot costs them money in floor plan (interest, storage, property taxes, overhead and security). They order cars based on previous years' selling rates and follow economic trends in order to avoid big floor plan expenses.

Sometimes, however, ordering mistakes are made, the economy goes sour, or Mother Nature throws a temper tantrum.

Normally two out of three "ain't bad," but February was anything but normal for local car dealers generally, and dramatically abnormal for Woody Anderson specifically.

First, "the coming of the Ice Age Storm" closed down the dealership for a record five days. During that time zero cars and trucks were sold, plus normal inventory orders kept rolling in.

Then, two weeks later, Huntsville residents woke up to three inches of snow — making that weekend's sales event a non-event.

Finally, adding insult to injury, an ordering mistake was

made. The dealership placed an order for a two-month supply of new cars. The cars were scheduled to be delivered in small lots between February and May, 1996. Five days before delivery was due, the dealership discovered that, through no fault of their own, the factory was going to deliver the entire two-month allotment within the next ten days. The dealership had no choice. They had to accept the shipment.

"Calling this overwhelming gridlock of vehicles a 'problem' is the understatement of the century," said Randy Dye, general manager of Woody Anderson Ford.

"Due to a combination of factors, Ford overshipped, and we've been caught with limited space to park the new vehicles arriving daily."

"This could be a major dilemma for us, make no mistake about it," said Mike Long, general sales manager. "Ford talked us into stepping up our orders and then shipped all the vehicles ahead of schedule. As a consequence, we have millions of dollars in new-car inventory that must be sold immediately. We have a problem."

In response, Ford stepped in to help out by offering 4.8 percent financing for 48 months.

"The floor plan expense, the property tax and storage are



Extra shipments of new vehicles are creating gridlock at Woody Anderson Ford.

extraordinary. The fact is, we simply must sell these vehicles and sell them fast," Dye said. "We're already selling Rangers; I know we sold several Rangers today. We

\$150 per unit every 30 days. With two months' supply of units sitting here, we can reduce prices and still be ahead. "Another customer advantage is lower lease payments," Dye continued. "One customer commented, 'Yeah, the lease payment on Explorer was unexpectedly low and surprisingly easy to understand.' That's a true story. This is not just a promotional gimmick. That's the truth."

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sold three Contours to a college this morning. We are selling a lot of vehicles under our cost because of this situation, and getting rid of them means we save on floor plan expenses.

"We have to do something," Dye continued. "If we don't do an out-of-the-ordinary promotion and move them (the cars, trucks) at some very low price, we are losing about

Now we come to the real problem. Here is a new car dealer in a vastly overstocked situation and forced to sell his inventory at even lower-than-normal prices. The predicament? How do you inform the public that now is the time to buy a new car because we are overstocked and must sell the cars regardless of price? Like the boy who cried 'wolf,' who would believe you?"

"Who?" asked Long. "Anyone who took the time to drive to our new car locations on Sparkman and Jordan and University Drive and tried to find a place to park, that's who. Plus the 4.8 percent financing and up to \$2,000 rebates are on top of the lower-than-normal low prices."

Woody Anderson sets standards for service



A factory-certified mechanic repairs a vehicle in one of the 40 service bays at Woody Anderson Ford.

"Although new cars require low maintenance and experience few if any breakdowns, when you need service, you need it now. At Woody Anderson Ford we understand that," said Johnny Davis, Woody Anderson service manager.

"Woody Anderson has one of the largest service departments with two

with fast lube facilities, people have discovered that they can get factory-trained mechanics working on their cars quickly and economically here. That means our customers get fast, competent service. Plus our courteous shuttle and convenient hours Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., make getting a car serviced simple."

When asked about the huge shipment of cars coming in, Parts Manager Mike McCain's response was upbeat.

"We have one of the largest parts departments anywhere. Most people don't realize they can buy parts from a dealership. Anyone can buy parts from us. We have factory-approved parts on hand, and if we don't have it, we can get it in overnight and have it the next day. We are trying to build a long-term relationship with our customers. We want them coming back here to buy their parts."

locations (corner of Sparkman and Jordan and University Drive West) in the Huntsville area, with 40 service bays and 22 technicians. That means you get quick and efficient one-stop car repair shopping."

Davis further stated that, "Because our prices are competitive

New car overflow means huge selection of used vehicles

"Getting an influx of over 1,000 new cars at Woody Anderson could affect our used car operation adversely if we don't keep on top of it," said Tommy Smith, used car manager.

"With the new car division selling lots of new cars, we are going to get a load of trades for us to process," he

said. "And there is only one way to handle this influx of trades," Smith continued, "and that is to keep the prices very competitive and to move the cars out fast at a lower margin of profit."

"Our used lot here at the main facility is not large enough, and we just have to keep moving them out to keep ahead. We will keep the best value trades for our customers and the rest we will send to the auto auction. Because of the high quality of the cars we keep, most are covered by our in-house warranty."

"We also have a special in-house finance program for those good people who have had bad things happen to them. This program helps customers reestablish their credit and at the same time get reasonable transportation."

"These cars are too nice to wholesale or send to auction," continued Smith. "These cars may be



People with past credit problems can re-establish their credit through special finance program at Woody Anderson Ford.



Used vehicles at Woody Anderson Ford are covered by an exclusive in-house warranty program.

a little older or have a few more miles on them, but they seem to be in good mechanical condition."

"We are excited at the prospect of Woody Anderson getting lots and lots of trade-ins because we'll have more cars to choose from."

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