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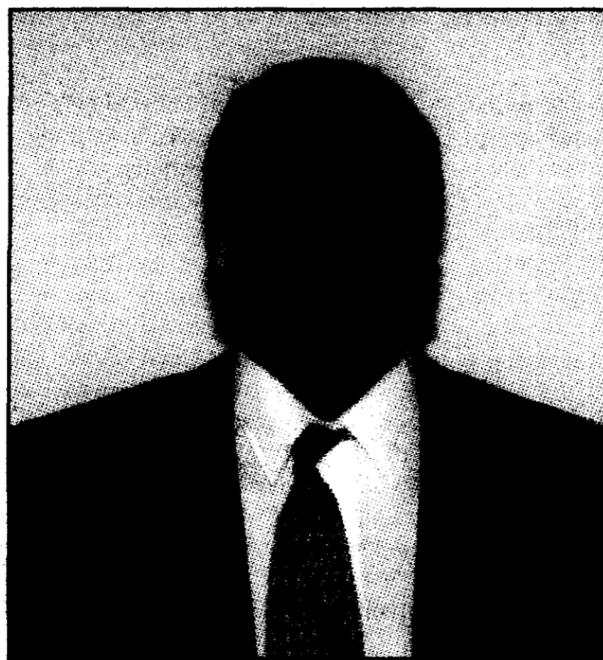
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## Progress seen in equal employment opportunity here



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By Skip Vaughn

Race relations. Affirmative action. President Clinton's recent kickoff of a one-year campaign against racism have put these issues on the national discussion table.

Bernard Collier, the Black Employment Program manager in the MICOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office, welcomes such a discussion. Referring to the national campaign, he said, "I think it's good because it would open up communication to talk about racial issues."

He believes affirmative action is an effective tool for delivering equal opportunity. "Unfortunately, a lot of people don't know what affirmative action really is. Affirmative action is not about quotas; it is a plan that was spurred by the civil rights movement to help open doors and opportunities for women and minorities through ag-

gressive recruitment and outreach techniques," Collier said.

"Affirmative action opens up avenues and doors where people are able to compete," he said, "in order that minorities and women might be considered."

"It's recruitment at the minority institutes as well as the majority institutes."

Addressing graduates of the University of California, San Diego, President Clinton opened a year-long campaign against racism June 14 with a defense of affirmative action and a plea for Americans to confront and erase their most deeply held prejudices.

"I think the state of race relations in this country is fair," Collier said. "I think the state of race relations at Redstone is good and that is because you have minorities and women at all lev-

els of the chain of command."

Minorities and women are in decision-making positions throughout the command, so their concerns are not excluded, according to Collier. "So it's not a we vs. them mentality here at Redstone," he said.

Collier sees progress in the Missile Command's employment statistics. In 1987 the work force of 7,390 included 874 blacks (11.8 percent) and 3,271 women (44.2 percent). In 1997 the work force of 5,355 includes 899 blacks (16.7 percent) and 1,669 women (41.1 percent). In 1977 there were 125 blacks in GS 9-12 positions and eight blacks in grades 13-15. This year there are 466 blacks in GS 9-12 positions and 175 in grades 13-15.

"In spite of DoD employment restriction, AMC-mandated freezes and the Army cap on promotions and hir-

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## Ex-pro baseball player meets his fans at local commissary

By Skip Vaughn

The lady checking IDs at the Commissary didn't know who I was talking about. "I'm looking for Mister Perry," I said.

Then I recognized him. Gaylord Perry, a former baseball great, was wearing a white sports shirt and white cap which went well with his white mustache. He was somewhat heavier than his playing days, but that look in his eye was unmistakable.

He was sitting at a table signing autographs when I approached him. "I used to root against you all the time," I sputtered. He smiled; yeah, this was the Gaylord Perry I remembered.

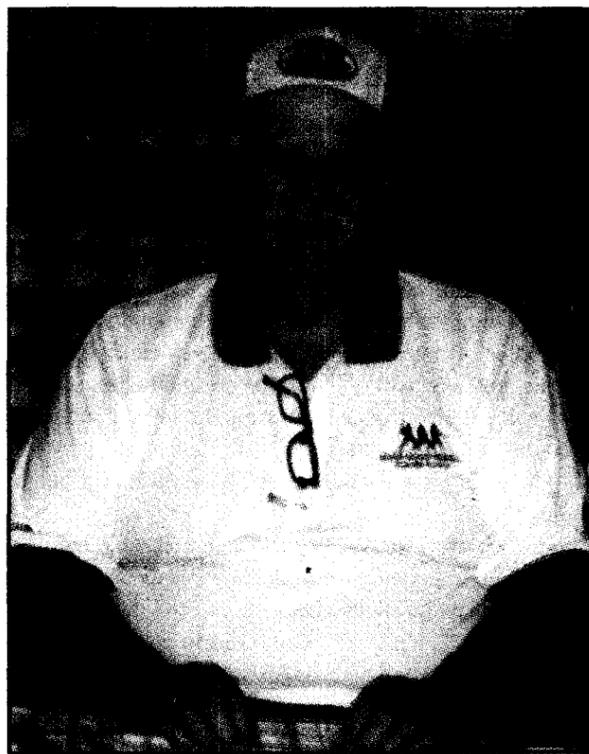
Hall of Fame San Francisco Giants and Seattle Mariners great Perry, the only pitcher to win the Cy Young in both leagues, signed autographs June 18 at the Commissary.

The autograph session was part of the "Campbell's Legends of Baseball Tour Sweepstakes." Perry, who

won over 300 games during his 22-year career, joined 14 other Major League Baseball greats in touring more than 60 military bases throughout the United States, Europe and Asia during June and July as part of the Legends of Baseball Tour.

I pulled out my old baseball guide from 1964 and showed him his name on the San Francisco Giants roster. The righthander was 6-4 and 205, born Sept. 15, 1938 and resided in Williamstown, N.C. His pitching record for 1963 was 1-6 with a 4.03 earned run average for the Giants, and 1-0 with a 1.00 ERA for minor league Tacoma. He came up to the majors in 1962; and he later pitched for the Atlanta Braves in 1981.

"I think it's pretty good," Perry said, when asked his opinion of interleague play. "Just so they don't play too many. This time of year, by October they've forgotten who won. It gives their sportscasters something to talk about. But the Ameri-



SPORTS CELEBRITY— Perry, a baseball Hall of Famer, makes an appearance June 18 at the Commissary.

can League's done very well. They sort of surprised the National League a lot."

We swapped a few memories from the 1964 season when my beloved Philadelphia Phillies choked in the

National League pennant race. "I never got over it," I said. Perry observed, "Neither did (Phillies manager) Gene Mauch."

We talked about how Mauch suffered a similar



GLORY DAYS— Shown in his playing days, Perry is the only pitcher to win the Cy Young in both leagues.

fate years later in the American League playoffs as manager of the California

Angels. Referring again to

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# Newcomers from St. Louis even like the weather here

By Julie Vaughn

Batch after batch of Aviation and Troop Command workers from St. Louis are drizzling in—literally.

And despite recent rains, dreary skies, ear-splitting thunderstorms and tornado warnings, those here so far are raving about Huntsville's weather.

As about 30 ATCOM civilian employees got their badges, vehicle decals and security processing, rain and hail pounded the windows and pavement just outside the Sparkman Center.

"This is a beautiful city with gorgeous weather," said one ATCOM worker. "I came here now, for the first time, and can't believe this city is as big as it is. It wasn't what I expected."

A week ago today, the Redstone Realignment and Transition Office (RTO) began weekly orientations and "in processing" of Missouri workers. It was the first of many scheduled weekly processings and orientations to Redstone, said Gary Reas, of the RTO.

The ATCOM PEO Aviation Advance Team has been at Redstone for weeks and was provided the same services. Those executives, too, commented about Huntsville's weather soon after they arrived, but at the time, skies were blue.

Those at the orientation June 18 were from units such as the Acquisition Center, Resource Management, the Security Assistance Management Directorate and the Corporate Information Center, among others.

"These we are processing today are actual 'worker bees,'" Reas said. "We had two sessions this morning with about 30 here, but when they start coming in at 100 a week or so, we may have to do this on Thursdays as well.

"We've set all this up to get them through this as painlessly as possible," he

said. "We want them to have a smooth transition into this community."

It's the Arsenal's own version of "one stop processing sessions" expected to go on for several months. The City of Huntsville and a number of other governmental agencies are hosting another "One Stop" program today at the former Camelot Music store in Parkway City Mall.

John "Doc" Holladay, administrative assistant to Mayor Loretta Spencer, said St. Louis workers will be able to get everything from Alabama driver's licenses to pet animal registrations at the mall starting today.

"Wednesdays and Thursdays, tentatively, will be the days they can get completely what they need," Holladay said. "The city and county schools will be there to assist with enrollment of their children, Huntsville Utilities will be there, the Recreation Department, public transportation officials, the sanitation department for garbage pickup days. Just about any public service you can think of."

The parallel effort between Redstone and the city is designed to make the transfers as smooth as possible for those uprooted from defense consolidation.

So far, 125 workers of an estimated 2,000, already are here, Reas said. The rest are expected to begin new lives here from now until the end of November.

Sandy Ellis, who will soon begin working as a computer programmer at the Corporate Information Center, said during processing that she and her family did not know what to expect from Huntsville.

"It's gone much more smoothly than I thought," Ellis said, referring not only to Redstone processing but also the move from Missouri.

"I like the lifestyle here," she said. "My family and I decided long ago that we would come.

"It's been amazing. The people here.



**NEW ARRIVALS—** Workers from St. Louis check in at the Sparkman Center.

Right after we moved in, one of our neighbors sent their 8-year-old daughter to our house saying her family would be bringing dinner over at about 5:30," Ellis said.

"They brought pot roast and all the trimmings—even dessert," she said. "Fate said this is what we should do. This is where we're supposed to be."

She added that one of Huntsville's attraction's "the weather."

Another ATCOM employee, who already has reported to work at the Corporate Information Center as a computer programming specialist, said, "I came here cold and brought my 78-year-old mother."

Sherry Herrmann said she and her mother have been here since May 31 living at a Sparkman Drive hotel-apartment complex. Herrmann reported to work June 10.

"I really do like it here," Herrmann said. "I like working here and living here. Everyone has been just unbelievably nice."

At the June 18 inaugural weekly in-processing of ATCOM workers, three computers were brought to Sparkman Center to process badges and vehicle decals and two for those needing security processing.

The Missouri workers are still considered ATCOM employees and were processed as such, Reas said. MICOM workers will remain MICOM workers until Oct. 1, when the entire command formally becomes Aviation and Missile Command.

But as of July 17, both MICOM and ATCOM will answer to one commanding general, instead of the current two, said John Chapman director of the RTO.

"Even with the change of command, we will still be two separate units here until Oct. 1," Chapman said. "On the 17th we will have one commander, instead of two. Then on Oct. 1, we'll operate as one command."



## Letters To The Editor

### Bridge driving

The bridge under construction on Patton Road is nothing less than a hazard. If you drive 50 mph, you run the risk of getting a ticket for not driving 25 mph. If you drive 25 mph, you run the risk of getting rear-ended by someone driving 50 mph. Either strictly enforce the 25 mph or take it down.

Name withheld by request

### Team picnic

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity (RASA) is proud to host the 1997 Team Redstone Organization Day on Thursday, June 26 at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is June 27. The Redstone community—including

Department of Defense civilian employees and family members, active duty military and family members, and retirees — are invited to attend.

There will be a continuous shuttle bus service operating from buildings 3301-3307, 5302, 4488 and the Rocket Auditorium. This shuttle bus service will get everyone in and out of the recreational area with a minimal amount of trouble. Do not use your personal vehicle to get to the picnic area; you will only impede the shuttle bus service and will get turned away at the traffic control point unless you have an authorized pass.

Please come, bring a chair or blanket, eat, play bingo, enjoy the entertainment and the other festivities of the day. Your Team Redstone Organization Day Committee and RASA are committed to making this an enjoyable, fun-filled day for all attendees.

**Col. Duane Brandt**  
RASA commander

## Outdoor open house scheduled Saturday

The Missile Command's Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning will hold an environmental open house Saturday at the Path to Nature adjacent to the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area on the south arsenal. The event is free and open to the public.

The area will open at 11 a.m. for anyone who wishes to bring lunch and hike the nature trails before a public availability session begins at noon. There will be experts on hand to answer

questions on any environmental topic.

Starting at 1 p.m. there will be tours of the Path to Nature, an environmental stewardship area; and a new pump-and-treat system for contaminated groundwater in the former Thiokol area.

To reach the Path to Nature, go south on Patton Road to Rayford Road and turn left. Follow the "Path to Nature" signs. For more information about this event, call Pam Rogers 842-0561.

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# New commander of 832nd battalion doesn't lead from behind desk

By Kathy Harkleroad

Lt. Col. George Mixon remembers the origin of his dream to become a battalion commander.

"I can remember standing in the parade field at Aberdeen Proving Ground watching a ceremony and seeing a battalion. I knew at that moment I wanted to be a battalion commander," he said. "I think that is the dream of every officer and am very happy mine has come true."

Mixon succeeded Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan on June 12 as commander of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

He began his Army career as an enlisted soldier, attended advanced individual training at Redstone Arsenal in 1973, and served as a light air defense repairman in Germany until 1977. "The Army was much different than it is today," Mixon said. "As is Redstone Arsenal. The training today is much stronger than when I went through."

Mixon left the Army temporarily and went to college where he received his master's degree in education from the University of South Florida. He also participated in the ROTC program there and received his commission in the Ordnance Corps in 1979.

"To me, serving as a battalion commander is what it

is all about," Mixon said. "I enjoy being with the soldiers, and here there is such a diverse group. You have brand new AIT students, senior NCOs and officers—the whole gamut; and it feels wonderful to be in charge."

"My (command) philosophy is pretty complex, yet pretty simple," he said. "It takes common sense, using the Golden Rule, putting mission first and soldiers first, and last but not least, you cannot lead from behind the desk—you have to get out among them."

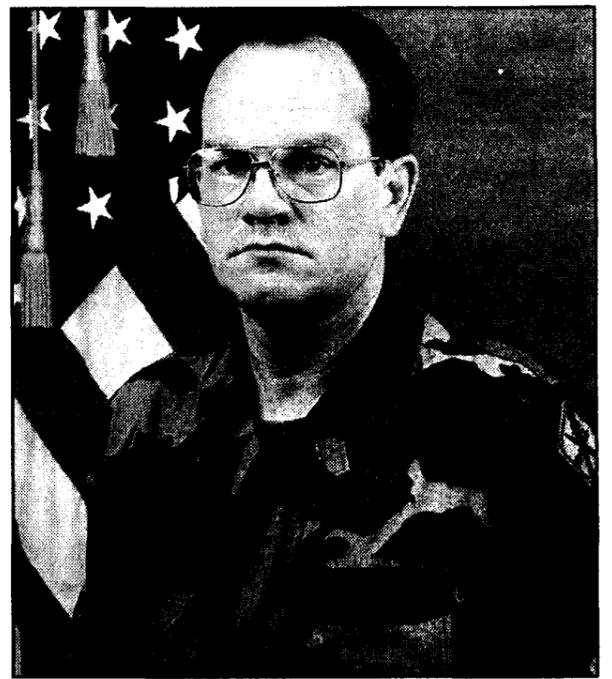
Mixon said there is one memory that will remain with him always. "When I

was deployed to Operation Joint Endeavor with the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps, I was stationed on the border of Croatia and Bosnia. I can remember seeing three young soldiers standing in the middle of the bridge the military built joining those two warring factions," he said. "Those were young soldiers and when I look at the students here, I see those three soldiers in the middle of that bridge.... It could have been and could be any one of the soldiers here. It is so important that we train them right and see to it that they are ready to go to war if needed. We need all to

work together to accomplish that goal.

"I have the pleasure of working with outstanding company commanders, their staff and cadre," Mixon said, "and have to commend the operations NCOs and the training sergeants in the companies who make things work. It is also the NCOs out there who are not only training other soldiers, giving PT tests, and training themselves. Those are the unsung heroes on this Arsenal."

Referring to the battalion change of command ceremony, he said, "I can't explain the feelings that



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went through me when I took the colors in my hand. Anything after this is gravy. This is it." They are just indescribable.

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# Team Redstone annual picnic promises fun for all

By Pat McCrary

The annual Team Redstone Organization Day picnic will be held Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Area. Rain date is Friday.

Members of the picnic committee are excited at how all the plans are coming together and look forward to the big day. Entertainment and fun activities have been lined up throughout the day and include something for everyone's enjoyment.

This fun-packed day will include sports activities— softball tournaments, General Officers/Senior Executive Service softball game, and volleyball tournament. Children's activities will consist of a caterpillar walk, small ferris wheel, moon bounce, speed pitch, face painting, and clown entertainment. Live music will be provided throughout the day.

Military hardware displays— Patriot launcher, Multiple Launch Rocket System, and Avenger — will be on hand for viewing along with fire truck demonstrations. Guided tours through the Nature Trail will be provided at noon and 2 p.m. Self-guided tours can be done any time during the day.

The Civilian Welfare Fund program along with Redstone Arsenal Support Activity is sponsoring bingo at the Rustic Lodge. Cards for the 20 games will sell for \$1 each, and must be "dobbled." The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will be selling bingo dobbies at the door for \$1.25. Due to limited seating in the Rustic Lodge, everyone occupying a seat must play at least one card during each game. The bingo pot will be a percentage of card sales; the more players there are, the higher the winnings. Bingo will begin at 11 a.m.; and everyone

10 years and older is invited to come join in the fun. A shuttle will transport bingo players to the lodge from the picnic area.

A sack lunch and drinks will be provided free of charge to all attendees. The lunch will include a barbecue sandwich or hot dog, slaw, potato chips, cookie and soft drink. Ice cream, lemonade, funnel cakes, and cotton candy will be sold by vendors. Food and door prize tickets can be picked up at the welcome booth.

This year we are very fortunate to have many businesses/organizations contributing to our picnic. They have donated great door prizes— with a combined value of about \$2,000 (excluding grand prizes) — which will be given away throughout the day.

The grand prizes will be two pairs of roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States, donated by Carlson-Wagonlit Travel and American Airlines, and a gift certificate for a ruby and diamond heart pendant donated by Sabghi's Jewelers. The door prize drawings will begin around 11 a.m., and will continue with hourly drawings throughout the day with the final drawing at 3 p.m. The winning ticket numbers will be announced throughout the picnic area and the Rustic Lodge. The grand prizes will be given away at the noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. drawings. You must be present to win; and only one door prize per ticket. A very special note of thanks goes to the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Sergeants Major Association. Without their help and our contributors, these great door prizes would not be possible.

Due to limited parking, continuous shuttle bus service will be provided from the parking lots in front of buildings 3301 through 3307, buildings 4488, 5302, and



**PICNIC COMMITTEE—** Members of the picnic committee include, from left, seated: Larue Wisener, Helen Cole, B.J. Fields; Col. Duane Brandt, the RASA commander; Pat McCrary, Kimberly Pugh and Anita Harrison; and standing: Robert Smith, Joe Rutherford, Jonathan Green, Tom Norton, Ken Mitchum, SSgt. James DeCourley and Todd Hutto.

limited service from the Rocket Auditorium. There will be no reason for any employee to drive to the event location. A traffic control point will be set at Patton Road south and Redstone Road. There will also be a traffic control point at Buxton and Patton Road. The shuttle service located at the Rocket Auditorium is for the attendees who work on the south end of the Arsenal. If you work on the north end of the Arsenal, please do not use this pickup point as it will create more traffic on Patton Road which will impede the shuttle bus traffic. Parking in the recreational area is extremely limited and will be provided only to event workers,

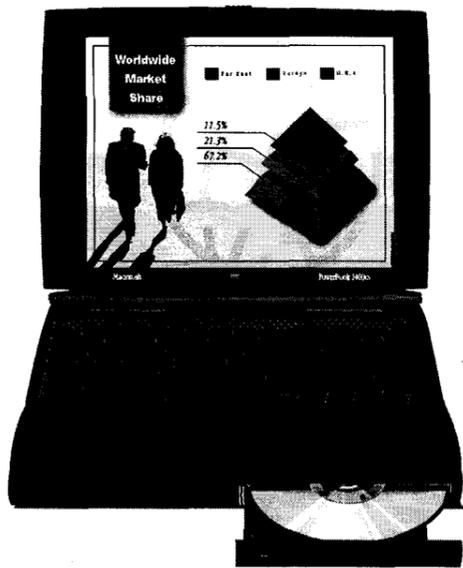
and handicapped-access vehicles, or VIP parking passes. Unless you have one of these passes, you will not get into the recreational area.

The entire Team Redstone— including government employees, military, Army tenant organizations, and family members — are invited to attend. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, etc., because of limited seating.

For more information, call Pat McCrary 876-4122.

(Editor's note: McCrary is publicity and marketing chairperson for the picnic.)

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# Regional civilian personnel operations center officially in business at Redstone Arsenal

By Julie Vaughn

Redstone formally opened one of 10 regional Civilian Personnel Operations Centers on June 17.

Announced on Jan. 30, 1996 by the Department of Defense, the Army and DoD cut the red, white and blue kickoff ribbon at a ceremony at the Sparkman Auditorium.

"This day has been a long time coming," Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, told the packed auditorium. By choosing Redstone as one of 10 regional sites, "it shows the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense has confidence" in Redstone and Huntsville.

The South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center is one of seven in the United States, with three others overseas.

The office here will employ about 240 people and will serve north Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky. The office will



**DEDICATION—** Cutting the ribbon for CPOC are, from left, are Diane Disney, Maj. Gen. James Link, Carol Ashby Smith and Lee Williams.

serve 38,000 employees, Link said.

"It is a tremendous responsibility and Team Redstone stands behind you," he said. Earlier at the ceremony he said, "Should there be a second BRAC, I'm confident Redstone Arsenal will be a place to move to and not from."

The DoD is downsizing its civilian and military structuring and is redesigning and modernizing its civilian personnel delivery systems. It's cutting costs because the regional offices

will require fewer civilian personnel specialists.

The transition "will not be easy and will always be room for improvement," Michael Mohlene, deputy director of South Central CPOC, said.

Now, the office at the Sparkman Center has 110 employees, he said. "We will be phasing in others and hope to be fully operational by September of 1998."

Also on hand at the ribbon-cutting were Dr. Diane M. Disney, deputy assistant

secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy; Carol Ashby Smith, director of Civilian Personnel for the Department of the Army; and Lee Williams, director of the Civilian Personnel Operations Center here.

The CPOC processes personnel actions, and performs services that normally don't require face-to-face interaction with customers. Examples include advertising job vacancies, rating, ranking and referring candidates, among a number of other services.

## People...

The following awards were presented at a Patriot Project Office ceremony June 5:

- Rita Perry (COLSA), Plaque/Patriot of the Month for January
- Clyde W. Miller, Plaque/Patriot of the Month for February
- Angelika Zito, On-the-Spot
- Mike Danesh, On-the-Spot
- Juan Mendoza, On-the-Spot
- Susan Kollman, On-the-Spot
- Stephanie Adair, On-the-Spot
- Gerald Skidmore, Performance Award
- Cynthia Ravenel, Performance Award
- Joyce Marion, Performance Award
- Timothy Richmond, Performance Award
- Patricia Brewer, Performance Award
- Margaret Tipton, Performance Award
- Ellen Richardson, Performance Award
- Pamela Owen, Performance Award

- Cynthia Gurley, Performance Award
- Geraldine Barber, Performance Award
- Jamie Pepper, Performance Award
- William Grimmit, Performance Award
- Robert Echols, Performance Award
- Danny W. Davis, Performance Award
- Steven Coley, Performance Award
- Dalphne Franklin-Akpan, Performance Award
- Larry Hadwin, Special Act Award
- Richard Ciliax (Software Engineering Directorate), Special Act Award
- J. Michael Act ord, Special Act Award
- Harold R. Brown, Special Act Award
- Robert M. Owen, Special Act Award
- Felicia Riggs Cook, Special Act Award
- Maryetta Buchanan, Special Act Award
- Dennis Day, Special Act Award
- Rhonda Nichols, Special Act Award

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# NCO spouses club presents merit awards, scholarship to deserving students

By Kathy Harkleroad

For the 34th consecutive year, the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club has awarded scholarships and merit awards to deserving students.

The scholarship program began under the presidency of Blanche Moore in 1963 and has grown each year. "The first year we awarded two \$100 scholarships," Moore said. "And we raised that money by selling cakes and pies. Our club was also the first one on a military installation to institute a scholarship program and it has really spread. This is such a worthwhile program and it gives us great pleasure to be able to help students with their education."

Moore thanked the students for not only their interest in the program, but also for the outstanding work they did with the applications and essays. She also gave them some advice about college. "These will be the happiest four years of your life," she said. "Accept everything your school has to offer and be a part of as much as you can. During these four years, you will be preparing



**SPECIAL STUDENTS**—The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club awarded four merit awards and one scholarship Thursday. From left are Maria Meador, Marcus Smith, LaDonna Carpenter, Ursela Fletcher, Jennifer Patrick, Blanche Moore, Dessie Johnson and Mary Bissel who participated in the program.

for the rest of your lives; and I know you will be doing a fine job of it."

Winners of the \$500 merit awards included Marcus Smith who will be attending Jacksonville State College and will major in political science; Maria Meador will major in biology and physical therapy and sports medicine; Jennifer Patrick will attend Troy State University and will major in elementary education; and LaDonna Carpen-

ter will attend the University of Alabama and major in environmental sciences.

Winning the \$1,000 scholarship was Ursela Fletcher who will attend University of Alabama-Birmingham and major in premed.

Carpenter was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Mary Bissel, a representative of United Services Planning Association and Independent Research Agency for Life Insurance.

The organization is a family financial planner for NCOs E6 and above. "We give this scholarship to children of military families as a way of saying thank you," Bissel said.

Also helping with the scholarship committee was Dessie Johnson who helped coordinate activities.

## Many RASA jobs subject to contract-out study

The Department of Army has announced that it plans to initiate between now and Sept. 30 a two-year commercial activity study of various jobs at the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity to determine whether to remain in-house or contract out for 301 civilian and 24 military spaces.

According to Army officials, the study will consist of a detailed cost comparison analysis of this activity. In compliance with Section 2461 of OMB Circular A-76, the Army's in-house cost estimate for this activity will be based on a most efficient and cost effective organization. RASA has 500 Army civilian and 76 military members.

A later decision to contract out for the services will be considered only after this detailed cost comparison analysis is completed and only if the solicitation of firm bids/offers indicates that contracting is more cost effective. The Army will announce the results of the cost comparison when the study is completed.

Should contracting prove to be more economical at RASA, displaced employees will be assisted in obtaining other employment. They will be given the right-of-first-refusal for employment openings with the contractor in positions for which they are qualified. Displaced career and career-conditional employees will be registered in the priority placement program and will be offered preferential considerations with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies for vacancies for which they are qualified. Other placement assistance may also be provided through such means as retraining for other federal government jobs, soliciting cooperation of other federal agencies in accepting employee referrals, and requesting assistance from the Department of Labor and state employment services in locating positions in private industry.

RASA officials said examples of jobs that won't be studied include guards, police (military and civilian), firefighters, chaplains, environmental, contract management and resource management. All other areas are subject to the contract-out study, officials said.

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# Tech escort class teaches response to chemical spills

By Kathy Harkleroad

Chemical spills. They can happen anytime and anywhere. Who cleans them up when they occur? Unidentified canisters that are found buried or stored, for example; who takes them away?

There are specialized personnel who are trained to handle all kinds of chemicals; and they are the ones who answer the call. Some of those trained personnel receive their training right here on the Arsenal. Tech Escort is a three-week, three-day course which teaches both military personnel and DA civilians and contractors who respond to chemical spills.

The purpose of the course is to provide the essential skills and knowledge required for escorting shipment of chemical agents and compounds, biological and etiological material and radioactive waste material in a safe and secure manner.

The course consists of both classroom training and practical exercise, which include hands-on training. A new course in hazardous waste operations has been added and students will now be certified in that area and will not have to take an additional course.

Students learn about both toxic and non-toxic chemicals, commercial chemicals, chemical munitions, and personal decontamination procedures, as well as a variety of other related topics. "We try to familiarize

the students with as many chemicals as possible, including the proper storage methods, as well as transportation methods," SFC Thomas Bungler, NCO-in-charge of the Technical Escort School, said.

Students not only train on the Arsenal, but also travel to Fort McClellan and take part in live-agent training. While there they have a chance to actually experience what they have learned in the classroom.

With the practical training comes a confidence building course, which includes putting on their tap-suits. Students are required to wear the suits they would in the field and spend quite a bit of time in them. Once fully outfitted, the students are wearing approximately 25 pounds of protective clothing.

Each student wears three layers from the skin up, as well as special gloves, boots and a gas mask. The first layer of clothing consists of a green scratchy outfit that has beeswax intertwined with the cloth. The next layer consists of a white suit and the tap suit covers that.

Special precautions are taken during the summer when the students are in the suits, due to the higher risk of heat exhaustion. The suits are extremely heavy and are totally sealed, and cooler air cannot reach the student.

Tech Escort conducts approximately four classes per year, one each quarter and trains approximately 100 students per year. The

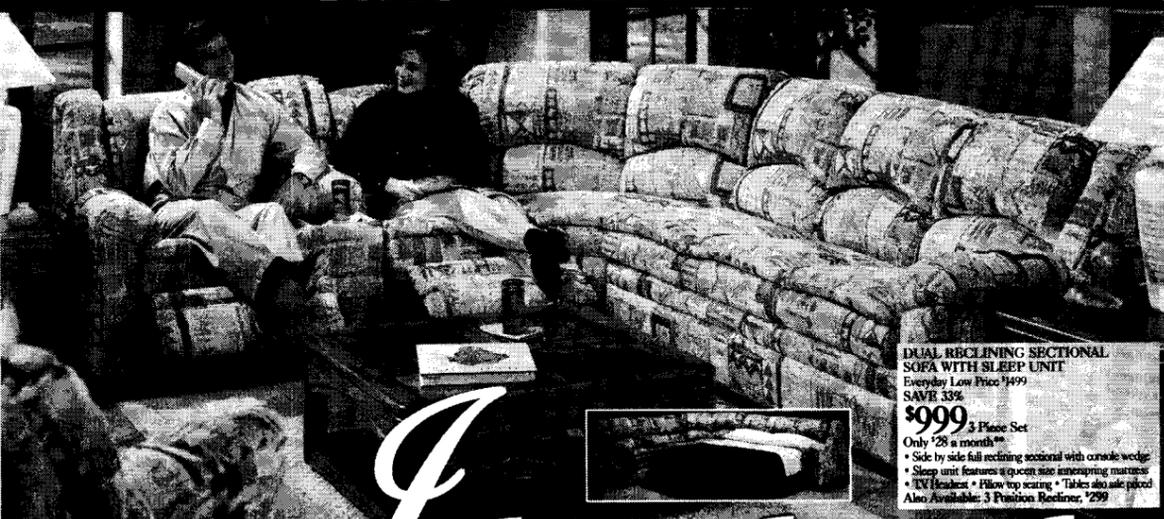
students are from specialized military occupational specialties, fire departments and from positions that require close contact with hazardous materials. International students also attend the course.

When not conducting the hazardous materials class, the instructors also take part in confidence training for the Basic Officers Course and Advanced Individualized Training students.



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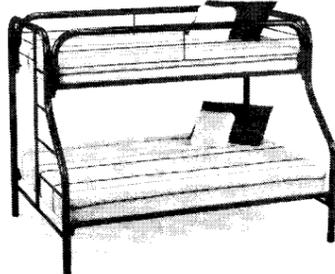
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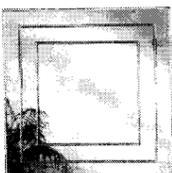
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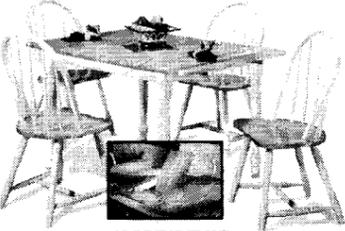
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# Former NAF employees can pick retirement plan through survey

Former nonappropriated fund employees have until Aug. 11 to complete a retirement system questionnaire.

On Aug. 9, 1996, the Office of Personnel Management published Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) regulations to implement section 1043 of Public Law 104-106, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996. The regulations took effect on Aug. 10, 1996.

New rules allow certain "FERS employees" to receive retirement credit for service with a nonappropriated fund instrumentality. If you can answer yes to all of the following questions (or think the answers could be yes), the new law may allow you to receive retirement credit for your NAF service in your FERS retirement benefit or, if you have not had an opportunity to elect continued retirement coverage under Public Law 101-508, to choose to be

covered by your old NAF retirement plan instead of FERS.

The questions are as follows:

- 1. Do you have prior service with a nonappropriated fund (NAF) instrumentality in the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard?
- 2. Are you currently covered by FERS?
- 3. Did you become covered by FERS automatically (rather than by electing FERS from a CSRS covered position)?
- 4. Are you vested in a NAF retirement plan? That is, did you work under a NAF retirement plan long enough to earn a retirement benefit even if you have taken a refund of your NAF contributions?
- 5. Were you employed in a position subject to FERS (or in employment followed by automatic conversion to FERS) before Aug. 10, 1996?
- 6. Was your break between NAF and FERS covered employment (or

employment followed by automatic conversion to FERS) one year or less?

- 7. Have you had no breaks in service (excluding a break of three days or less) since the move?

If you answered yes to all of the aforementioned questions (or you think the answers could be yes), send this completed questionnaire with your full name and telephone number, to Claudine Robinson, retirement officer, AMSMI-PT-CP-ME, Building 5303, Room 3153, Redstone Arsenal, 35898. Your Official Personnel Folder will be audited and if more information is needed, you will be contacted. You will be notified of the determination at a later date.

Remember, the law requires that all elections must be made by Aug. 11. Do not wait until the last minute to send in your completed questionnaire. (Civilian Personnel Office release)

# PEO Aviation organization goes under new leadership



**KEY CEREMONY—** From left are Franklin, Bogosian, Snider, Bergantz and Goosen.

ST. LOUIS— June 16 was a big day for two organizations destined to move soon to Huntsville.

About 350 people attended a change of management ceremony for both the Program Executive Office for Aviation and the Comanche program.

Brig. Gen. James Snider succeeded Paul Bogosian as the program executive

officer for aviation. Brig. Gen. Joseph Bergantz succeeded Snider as the Comanche program manager; and Bogosian succeeded Col. Edwin Goosen as deputy PEO for aviation.

Maj. Gen. Peter Franklin, acting military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army, presided over the ceremony.

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# Basic Stinger missile test firing exceeds requirements

FORT GREELY, Alaska— The Stinger Product Office and Avenger crewmembers from Battery C, 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery conducted a test firing using the basic Stinger missile May 29 to June 5 at Fort Greely.

"This test provided the opportunity (for the soldiers) to become more proficient firing from the Avenger remote control unit," Matthew Spielman, reliability engineer with Stinger Product Office, said.

"This is one of the few times that an Avenger weapon system carried a full load of eight missiles during a live fire," Troy Hawkins, test officer for Army Cold Regions Test Center, said. "The soldiers' performance on the range was exceptional."

Fort Greely is the home of the Northern Warfare Training Center and the Army Cold Regions Test Center.

"The test was part of a Department of Defense, Stockpile Reliability Program," Hawkins said. "We wanted to test the reliability of missiles that were stored in an arctic environment since their existence. These missiles experienced a range of temperatures from minus-50 degrees Fahrenheit to 85 to 90 degrees above."

Initially, the basic Stinger missile has a 10-year shelf life. The shelf life of basic missiles was extended to 16 years, and these were only on their 14th.

"The basic Stinger missile shelf life will no longer be extended," Spielman said. He added that the missiles were able to be fired because they were no longer needed for shelf-life testing.

The Avenger weapon system is a lightweight, day or night, limited adverse-weather fire unit for countering the threat of low

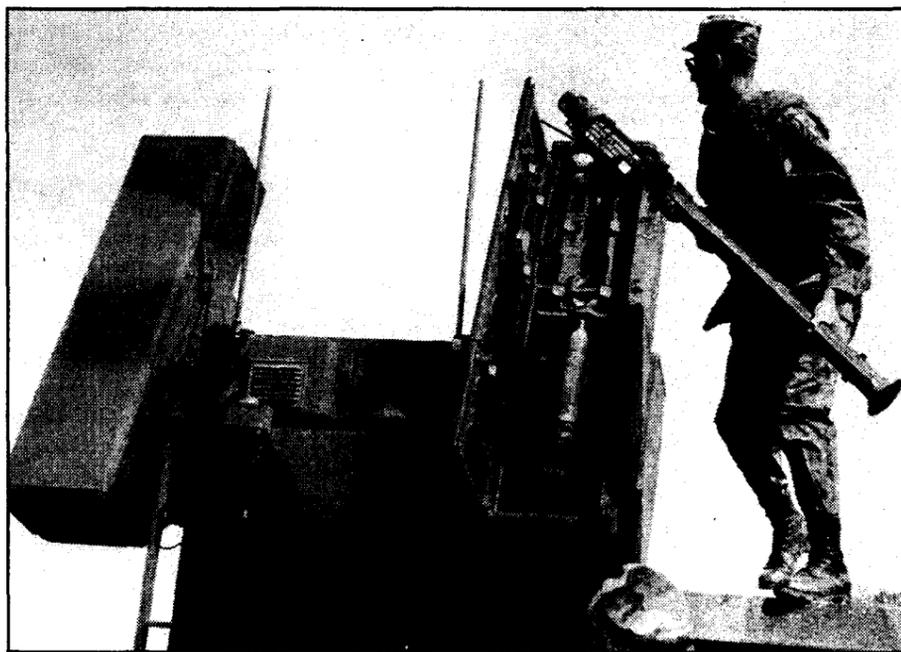
altitude, high-speed fixed wing or rotary wing aircraft. "We benefited from this project as well as the soldiers," Spielman said. "This project afforded the soldiers the opportunity to fire 30 Stinger missiles from the system using the remote control unit at stationary targets and Ballistic Aerial Targets. Our main concern was to see how well the missiles would perform after being exposed to extreme cold temperatures and verify that they would not pose a safety hazard."

"When the soldiers fire from the remote control unit, safety is very important," SFC Edwin Nieves, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery, first platoon sergeant and range safety NCO-in-charge for the test firing, said. "But when soldier training is put to the test against odds that increase the probability (of risk) at the very least, the range NCO expects the same standard of safety that would be adhered to under training as in war."

Intensity showed on the faces of the soldiers, who were smacking away at the ever-present mosquitoes as they prepared to fire. "Set the driver interlock to safe," commanded the range NCO-in-charge to initiate the crew drill.

The team chief then commands the gunner to get on target. After a 30-second countdown, the team chief commands the gunner to arm the weapon and then activate. Once activated the gunner acquires tone from the heat source. When a distinct steady audible difference in the tone pitch is heard by the gunner, the gunner shouts, "I have tone."

"Hostile engage," the team chief shouts. The gunner responds, "Firing." As the Stinger missile ejects from the missile pod, the team chief instructs the gunner to contin-



**GETTING READY— A Stinger missile is loaded into Avenger by a soldier from Battery C, 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery.**

ue to track for 3-to-5 seconds. The team chief then says, "Missile away, target destroyed."

Next the weapon system is placed on safe, and the gunner continues to search for a new target.

"For the team chief and gunner, the sequence of events is very important," Nieves said. He added that it is important that everyone on the range knows the emergency procedures when there is a hangfire, misfire or simply a dud missile.

"You can tell if you have a good missile or not," Nieves said. "On the gunner's console, you have eight positions, four for each pod. You have to check to see that you have

a present light. If the missile is not launched, and you still have a present light, then that means you could just have a bad connection."

All the teams are well trained to perform hangfire, misfire or dud missile procedures.

"The test firing had a 90 percent success rate," Spielman said. "This was well above the requirements."

*(Editor's note: This article was written by Spec. James Lee II, of Northwest Guardian staff, Fort Lewis, Wash., and Maj. Lawrence McRae Jr., Stinger Product Office, Redstone Arsenal.)*

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# Excessive rainfall disrupts activities on test ranges

By Julie Vaughn

Continued downpours and gloomy skies are dampening engineers' ability to test missiles and other sensitive equipment at Redstone.

And, no doubt, beavers and ducks on the post's wetlands are paddling and splashing to their webbed hind's desire.

Heavy rains have also even become a threat to wildlife on post, an Arsenal biologist said. Some 15 gauges are scattered about the post to measure rainfall.

"We provide the monitoring for about 15 agencies here," Bill Longgear, a post meteorological technician, said. "Our responsibility is the safety of tests and programs and personnel. If lightning strikes within 10 miles, we notify all 15 agencies so they can take action" if they need to.

Meteorological specialists also provide weather monitoring while missile and other

tests are being conducted, Longgear said. "We also keep track of wind speeds, temperatures, humidity, visibility and the Ozone level" in the atmosphere, he added.

Compared to previous years, rain on post this season is about seven inches above normal. Although there's been no major road or building flooding, it's the standing, low-lying swamp water that most people don't see that's causing the damage.

Despite Redstone's reported rise in rainfall this year, the National Weather Service at Huntsville International Airport said meteorologists there show rainfall at less than one inch above normal, compared to previous years.

I guess our numbers are higher because we're west of the airport," Longgear said.

The rain not only brings out dusty umbrellas. It also stifles the Army and civilians' use of high-speed film used to record test experiments, said engineer Jeff

Duchock, an engineer at Test Area 1. He's part of the Redstone Technical Test Center, Flight Branch. "The low light levels hurt the film on the images because the speed of the film is so high," Duchock said.

"A lot of tests are wind-dependent and most of the tests we conduct are quite weather sensitive," Duchock said. "A lot of the instruments used just cannot get wet."

He declined to say whether, if any, munitions tests have been canceled or delayed because of gray skies and rain.

"It also causes us major scheduling problems," Duchock said. "Most of the tests depend on those cameras and we need them a lot."

"... The last day or so has been sunny and warm so now everyone wants the test ranges," he said. "It's been very busy here. We're in a swampy area and that does cause problems. It hasn't been a significant problem so far."

Redstone wildlife biologist David Nixon said he, too, has noticed an impact on the lives of fowl.

Small birds when wet do not have the wings to take flight if approached by a predator, Nixon said.

"The ground nesting birds like quails and turkeys—especially the young ones—can't get out of the water," he said. "The predators: skunks, coyotes, raccoons, even house cats, can get to them."

Nixon added that the wet stuff also has kept him from cutting and bailing hay for the cows that graze at Redstone.

"It's hard to get a tractor and put it into a muddy field," he said. "And we haven't been able cultivate or fertilize our dove fields."

"This will have its real effect later this year."

## Buyers beware of banned belts and bongs sold overseas

By Robert Szostek

MANNHEIM, Germany— U.S. law bans many items sold at overseas vacation destinations from the United States.

Vacationers should check what they can buy before they fly abroad, customs officials advise.

For example, hookahs, narghiles, chillums and bongs are the glass, metal or wooden oriental water pipes sold in Turkey and the Middle East as ornaments or gifts.

Unfortunately, they are banned from import because drug users can use them to smoke hashish or opium.

It is also a crime to take many wildlife items to the States. Servicemembers vacationing abroad should avoid buying souvenirs made from hides, shells, feathers, or teeth.

"Seemingly innocuous things made of tortoise shell, coral, ivory, and skins are openly sold in many countries," said Norman W. Kaucher of the European Com-

mand's Customs Executive Agency, "but they are still illegal. People buying these products add to the risk of animals and plants becoming extinct and customs can fine you and confiscate the goods," he warned.

Reptile skins are often used in watchbands, handbags, belts, wallets, and shoes. Most crocodile, lizard, snake, and all sea turtle products are prohibited. Ivory and

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(Editor's note: Szostek is with the European Command Customs office.)



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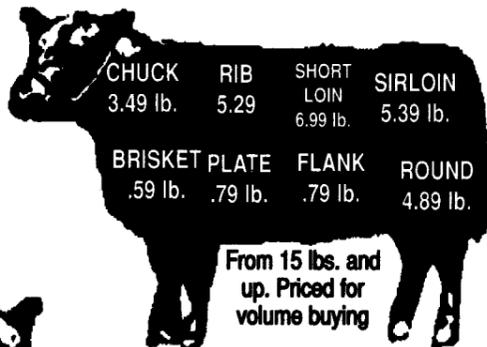
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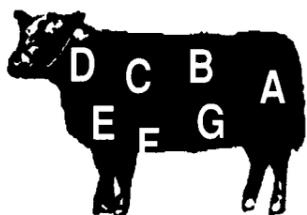
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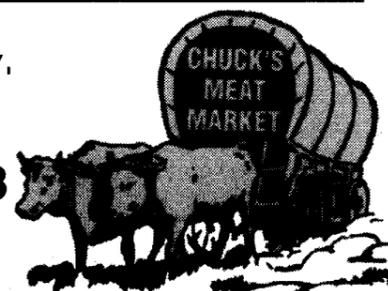


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# Lack of Tricare interest could hurt medical services here

By Kathy Harkleroad

By now everyone associated with the military should know the term Tricare, the new management health care program the military has gone to. Fox Army Community Hospital began practicing under the Tricare program last year, and has not had the participation that was expected. Because of the low enrollment rates into the Tricare program, FACH—and the patients who are seen there—faces an uncertain future.

"We have had Tricare for almost a year here at Fox," Lt. Col. Roger Hansen, deputy commander for clinical services, said. "And the enrollment figures just aren't there. Many of the retirees are counting on utilizing the space available appointments that are not used by Tricare Prime patients, but those will be coming to an end real soon."

Under the Tricare program, those enrolled in Tricare Prime are given priority over those patients who

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— Lt. Col. Roger Hansen  
Deputy commander for clinical services

are not and are given any available appointment. Those appointments that are not used by the Tricare Prime patients are deemed space available and can be given to non-Tricare Prime patients. So far that has not been a problem for non-Tricare patients, but soon will be.

"In the very near future the hospital's budget is going to be based on the number of Tricare Prime enrollees," Hansen said. "If the numbers are low, then our budget is going to face a substantial cut, and we will lose health care resources as well as staff, thus cutting the space available appointments even more. Anyone

who is eligible and elects not to sign up for Tricare is just putting us one more step to the hospital not surviving as it is today."

Currently there are 17,000 people eligible for Tricare within the catchment area, but only 6,000 have signed up. "One of the main reasons for the low numbers, we think, is many of the retirees are hesitant to pay the enrollment fee for care that is currently available for free on a space available basis at Fox," Hansen said. "What they do not understand is that if our numbers do not increase, the space available

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## Museum exhibit...

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, participates last Friday in the opening of a new exhibit at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Gov.

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# Red Cross youth volunteers prepared to serve post

By Kathy Harkleroad

They came willing and ready to serve. The new youth volunteers at Fox Army Community Hospital attended an orientation meeting June 16 and not only heard about the rules and regulations of being a Red Cross volunteer, but also learned where they will serve.

Youth volunteers are being sought for the clinics at FACH, the post library, the Youth Center and in other various activities at the Child Development Center. Representatives from each organization told the teens what services were needed.

Judy Link, honorary chairman for the Red Cross, welcomed the teens and told the importance of the Red Cross to the military. "I take my position as honorary chairman of the Red

Cross very seriously and the Red Cross is very important. They touch a military member's life in many ways and are always there when needed," she said. "Because this is such a serious business, they rely on volunteers very heavily and are very proud that you have chosen to become a part of that organization."

Positions for teen volunteers are available in the hospital as well as other locations on the Arsenal. "We are hoping to find someone to participate in the story time for children at the Post Library," Link said. "We also need volunteers at the Youth Center and within the Child Development Services area. Any place you request or are assigned will be very appreciative of your commitment."

The new volunteers also heard from Mary Moreillon, director of the Red Cross

volunteer services, and learned the history of the Red Cross as well as the policies and procedures for being a volunteer. FACH volunteer coordinator Yvonne Quantock spoke to the new volunteers about their uniforms and several other policies.

Quantock told the group that slots were still available for other teens who might be interested in committing four to eight hours a week at the Red Cross. "We have so many places on the Arsenal that volunteers are needed," she said. "Anyone who is interested is more than welcome to call me or the Madison County Red Cross for more information."

Quantock can be reached at 881-4887 and the Madison County Red Cross can be reached at 536-0084.



**ORIENTATION**—Teens who have volunteered their time this summer to work with the American Red Cross participate in their orientation June 16. From left, seated, are Jessica Ruffin and Maurice Square; back row, Judy Link, Laura Fiersdon and Yvonne Quantock.

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# Skin cancer curable through prompt medical treatment

By Scott Rutherford

With the sun finally starting to come out, we all need to be aware of the dangers it can cause. Skin cancer, in particular malignant melanomas (cancerous moles), can be very dangerous at this time of year. Most moles are harmless. However, malignant melanomas can be fatal if not promptly treated. They account for about 5,000 deaths a year in the United States.

Melanoma is a disease of the skin in which cancer (malignant) cells are found in the cells that color the skin (melanocytes). Melanoma usually occurs in adults, but it may occasionally be found in children and adolescents. Your skin protects your body against heat, light, infection and injury. It is made up of two main layers: the epidermis (top layer) and dermis (inner layer). Melanocytes are found in the epidermis and they contain melanin, which gives the skin its color. Melanoma is sometimes called cutaneous melanoma or malignant

melanoma. Melanoma can spread (metastasis) quickly to other parts of the body through the lymph system or through the blood.

Melanoma can also appear on the body as a new mole. Men most often get melanoma on the trunk (the area of the body between the shoulders and hips) or on the head or neck; women most often get melanoma on the arms and legs. Malignant melanoma rises, the rarest but most virulent form of skin cancer, is responsible for 75 percent of all deaths from skin cancer. The incidence of melanoma rises rapidly in Caucasians after age 20. Fair-skinned individuals exposed to the sun are at higher risk. The best defense against skin cancer is protection from the sun and ultraviolet light. Individuals should be cautious to avoid excessive and continuous sun exposure and to use protective clothing and sunscreens. Individuals with certain types of pigmented lesions (sporadic dysplastic nevi, congenital

nevus, or lentigo maligna) and those with familial dysplastic nevus syndrome are at high risk for developing melanoma. Patients who have a history of melanoma are at greater risk for developing a second melanoma.

Incidence has increased nearly 80 percent between 1973 and 1987, at a rate of approximately 4 percent per year. Over 90 percent of melanomas that arise in the skin can be recognized with the naked eye. Very often, there is a prolonged horizontal growth phase during which time the tumor expands centrifugally beneath the epidermis but does not invade the underlying dermis. This horizontal growth phase provides lead time for early detection. Melanoma is 100 percent curable if treated prior to the onset of the vertical growth phase with its metastatic potential.

Make an immediate appointment with your doctor if a mole or other pigmented area shows any of the following: 1) Asym-

metrical shape: One half does not match the other half; 2) Border irregularity: The edges are ragged, notched or blurred; 3) Color: The color is not uniform; shades of tan, brown and black are present; red, white and blue may add to the mottled appearance; 4) Diameter: Larger than a pencil eraser; harmless moles are usually smaller; 5) Scaliness, oozing, bleeding or the spread of pigment into surrounding skin; 6) Appearance of a bump or nodule on the mole; 7) Itching, tenderness or pain.

Here's advice for home treatment: Examine your skin with help of another person or a mirror, once a month. Look for unusual moles, spots or bumps. Be especially attentive to areas of your skin that received a lot of sun exposure earlier in your life: hands, arms, chest and neck (including the back of the neck), face, ears, etc. Note any changes and report to your doctor.

(Editor's note: Rutherford is an exercise specialist at the Wellness Center.)

## TRICARE

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appointments could disappear altogether as well as many of the services we offer."

Another target area that needs to be addressed is the active duty family members who have not yet signed up for Tricare. There is not cost

to them, and signing up will ensure them of appointments now and in the future. "Right now we have a large number active duty family members who have not signed up for Tricare," Capt. Michael Crandell, chief of clinical support, said. "If they do not sign up, they will also fall into space available care, and have a

negative effect on the budget in the future."

Currently there are 10 health care providers at FACH who handle 21 appointments per day. Less

than 5 percent of those appointments are available to those who are not enrolled in Tricare Prime, for now.

Hansen said the bottom line is patients who are eligi-

ble for Tricare should sign up, and soon. "We need the community support and cannot do this on our own. The numbers have to be there in order for our services to continue in the manner which

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By Don Smith

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In addition to hostage rescue, Alexander said the SRT can be used for high-risk drug raids as well as more mundane military police roles such as speed enforcement.

Alexander said that recently the SRT has been running radar and bicycle patrols in addition to their regular training which is scheduled for a week out of each month and one day in each of the remaining weeks.

Although they don't have the submachine guns, semi-automatic shotguns and other equipment common among civilian teams, the SRT maintains a training schedule that compensates for their technological shortcomings.

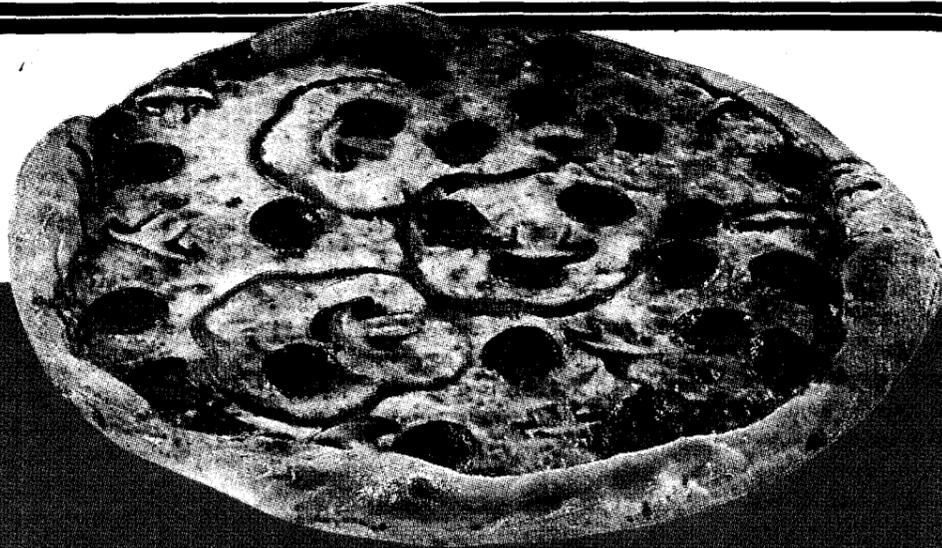
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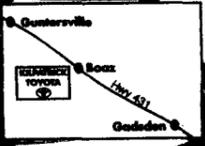
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# Command awards Bradley-Linebacker follow-on contract to Boeing Company

The Missile Command has awarded the Boeing Company in Huntsville a follow-on \$6.5 million contract for production of air defense modification kits and spare parts in support of the Bradley-Linebacker Fighting Vehicle Program.

The contract calls for 25 Bradley Fighting Vehicles to receive the upgraded modification kits, in Huntsville, which enhance the basic Bradley by adding a fully automated, "shoot-on-the-move" short-range air defense capability.

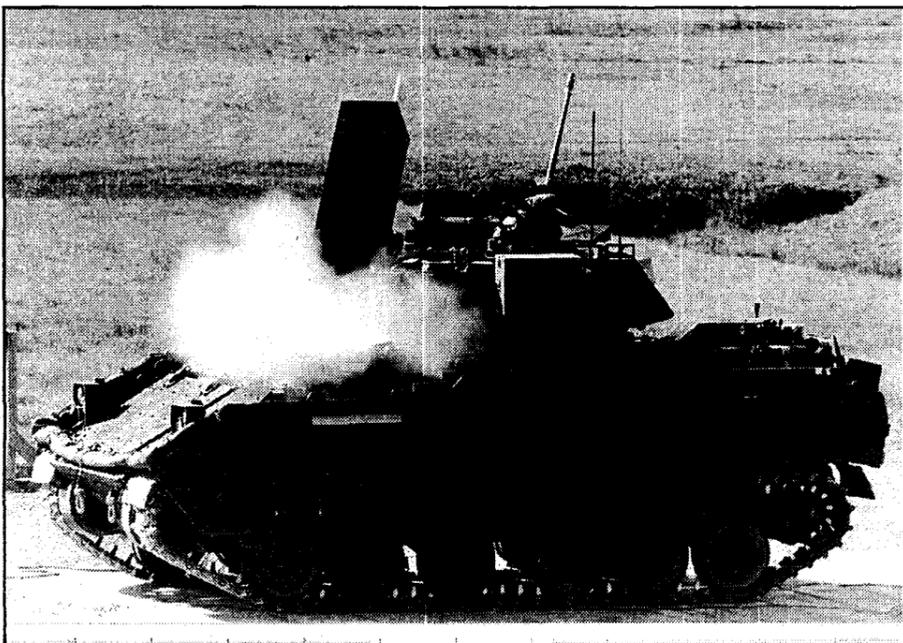
The fully integrated Army air defense system will be fielded and supported by the Tank and Automotive Command in Warren, Mich.

The Bradley-Linebacker, a mobile armored air defense system, is capable of engaging all fixed wing and rotary wing targets, cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles.

Bradley-Linebacker is one of the first contracts awarded under the Army's Rapid Acquisition Program.

"Without outstanding teamwork between the U.S. Army and Boeing, this program couldn't have happened," Peter Parsons, Avenger/Bradley Linebacker program manager, said.

The Bradley-Linebacker components include a launcher with four "fire and forget" Stinger missiles; a



**AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM**— The wing and rotary wing targets, Bradley-Linebacker, a mobile cruise missiles and unmanned armored air defense system, is aerial vehicles. capable of engaging all fixed

25 mm gun; a command and control suite, and other communications equipment.

Under earlier contracts, Boeing developed and qualified the air defense capability and delivered eight initial production units for testing during Task Force XXI (Advanced Warfighting Experiment) and is producing 60 units under the existing contract.

After completion of rigorous testing and evaluation at Task Force XXI, Maj. Gen. John Costello, commander of the Army Air Defense Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, said, "The Avenger

Fire Unit and the Bradley Linebacker fighting vehicle were the stars of Task Force XXI."

The first delivery of this 25-unit option of new Bradley Linebacker kits will

be May 1998 and final delivery is scheduled to be completed in July 1998.

The Army is seeking funding for more acquisitions for fiscal year 1998. (Boeing release)



## AMSC leader...

Col. Jere Wilson, commandant of the Army Management Staff College at Fort Belvoir, Va., discusses the 12-week resident program during his Redstone visit June 18.

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## Cricket match gives British flavor to MSIC picnic

By Quentin Dixon

If you happened to be driving through the Redstone recreational area down by the Tennessee River on Friday the 13th, you would have come across a strange sight—a cricket match!

The Missile and Space Intelligence Agency was holding its annual family picnic, and two British liaison officers decided to introduce some English flavor to the proceedings by organizing a cricket match. Two teams were selected representing the Offensive and Defensive System Offices within MSIC, captained by Royal Air Force Squadron Leaders Russ Durling and Quentin "Q" Dixon respectively. An authentic cricket pitch was cut in the middle of one of the two softball fields, complete with stumps, bails and cricket bats.

Given the time available it was decided to play a limited overs match, whereby each side has only a set number of overs to score as many runs possible (an over consisting of six balls

bowled by the fielding team). The first action of the match was the ceremonial tossing of a coin. Having called right the Offensive team captain, Durling, decided that his team should bat first, leaving the Defensive Team to field. Scoring in cricket requires the batsmen to run between two wickets separated by 22 yards; each time a batsman safely reaches the other wicket, a run is scored. On this occasion scoring began slowly. "The waterlogged ground made running very difficult," Curtis Gentry, the Offensive opening batsman, said. However, his team was helped by some erratic bowling by the Defensive Team, with plenty of wides bowled each scoring a run for the opposition. Some useful contributions were made by the batsmen from the Offensive Team, and by the end of their maximum

13 overs they had amassed a very respectable total of 61 runs scored.

After the 13 overs had been bowled, the two teams swapped around and it was the Defensive Team's turn to bat. If they were to win they needed to score more runs than their opponents, but remembering they must do this within their allotted 13 overs and without having all their batsmen retired.

The innings began well for the Offensive Team; their opening bowler, Gentry, managed to retire two batsmen for the cost of only one run. The Defensive Team was rocked back by this and the next seven overs when scoring proved to be difficult because of some fine bowling, notably Jack Cunningham, Charlie Blackburn and Bob Craig. However, after a steady procession of retired batsmen, the Defensive Team

began to turn it around in the middle of the order with some solid batting performances by Don Harper, Bill Adams and Dixon. It was left to Steve Williams and Adrian Jennings to score the winning runs in the very last over with only three balls to spare.

In the final analysis, the Offensive Team scored 61 runs in 13 overs. In reply the Defensive Team scored 64 runs in 13 overs, thus winning by one wicket.

Congratulations should go to all the MSIC personnel who took part. Their enthusiasm and level of skill is commendable. Given the success and interest in this match, it is hoped that it will be a regular occurrence at future MSIC picnics. So get practicing!

(Editor's note: Dixon is a British liaison officer at Missile and Space Intelligence Center.)

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# Sexual abuse prevention: Teach children warning signs

By Lisa Edwards

HANAU, Germany—No parent wants to hear the words which I so vividly remember saying to my mother when I was 7 years old, "Mom, I have to tell you something."

My mother laughed and said, "Oh, God, what did you do now?" probably thinking I had just embarrassed myself at school again. "Mom, I'm serious. I need to talk to you," I said with my head down and my eyes full of tears.

I knew she had no idea what I was about to tell her—I had hid it so well for so long. I had protected my babysitter's husband who had molested me.

Why would anyone do that, you ask? No one had ever talked to me about sexual abuse, and I did not understand what had happened. I had really liked this guy before the incident occurred. He had been my friend and I didn't want to get him in trouble. I also didn't know how wrong it was, except for the funny feeling I got in my stomach whenever I thought about him after that day.

I was one of the lucky ones, though.

Mine was a minor incident which never occurred again. Some kids aren't so lucky.

### Basic principles

There are a few basic principles parents must understand to teach their children skills which can help protect them from this kind of abuse.

The first is that their bodies belong to them — that they have a right to say who can touch them, where and how. They need to feel com-

fortable with speaking up and saying no if someone touches them in any way that makes them feel uncomfortable (this will help protect them from both sexual abuse and physical abuse).

A good way to explain feeling "uncomfortable" to a child is that it is a funny feeling inside, a feeling that something is just not right. Let them know that no one should make them feel uncomfortable by touching any part of their body that their bathing suit would cover (a two-piece for girls and swimming trunks for boys).

It is important that they know that if someone ever does touch them there, then it is something you need to know about, even if it is supposed to be a "secret." Yes, children need to be able to speak up to anyone—including Dad, Mom, siblings, babysitters, teachers, Scout leaders, Sunday School teachers and any other relative, friend, neighbor, etc.

Most cases of abuse are perpetrated by an adult that the child knows and trusts. It is usually a relative, family friend or another adult whom the parents also trust. Teaching children to be assertive does not "spoil"

them; it empowers them to protect themselves from being mistreated.

The second principle of abuse protection is teaching them what to do if someone does touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.

They need to be able to look that person straight in the eye with confidence and tell him or her, "No, I don't like that," and then try to get away. This shows the abuser that the child is not going to just sit there and take the abuse. If the person does not stop the touching after the child says no, then the child needs to say, "I'm going to tell if you don't stop that." Then the abuser knows that this is not the child to mess with— this child knows what to do.

Ask the children who they would tell if this happened to them. Help them list all the people they could tell— parents, siblings, friends, teachers, doctors, nurses, etc. They need to know to keep telling until someone listens to them and helps them. Children also need to know that if they are touched in a way they don't like, it is not their fault — they did not ask for this person to touch them that way, nor did they do anything to deserve it.

### Role-playing

The third principle is role-playing.

Children learn by doing. The "What if ..." game is an important part of teaching kids ways they can help defend themselves from harm. After teaching them when they should speak up and how, have them ask you "What if ..." questions.

Kids love to ask questions like "What if I couldn't get away?" Let them ask as many questions as they want, and ask them to try to answer their own questions before you help them out.

Then you can test them by giving example situations and asking what they would do. You could ask, "What if you were at the babysitter's house, and she kept hugging you really tight, and it really made you feel yucky inside?" Then role play the situations with them over and over again. Make sure they understand that you are pretending, and give them big sloppy kisses and bear hugs they do not like.

Teach them to react by looking you in the eye, telling you no (like they mean it), and getting away from you. Give them every possible situation you can think of. It is not necessary to scare them to get the

point across. Just use hugs, squeezes, a peck on the cheek, etc. and have them pretend they're feeling uncomfortable.

Children actually love this "What if ..." game; they enjoy showing they know what to do. Have them do it over and over until they get it right. This role playing is probably the only thing that will really stick in the minds of young children and help them in the event of someone mistreating them.

When role playing, try to incorporate the tricks abusers often use to gain children's favor and trust.

Ken Wooden, author of "Child Lures: A Guide to Prevent Abduction" lists the common lures.

Conditional love is one, for example. "Oh, come on. Don't you love me? How can I love you if you won't even let me touch you?"

A stranger may trick a child easily by asking for help. "Can you help me? My puppy ran away ... I need you to come help me catch him." Another possible lure is using authority, "Alex, I am your coach. You have to do what I tell you, or else you won't be on the team."

### Common lure

Bribing with rewards such as candy, money, or

toys is another common lure. I was offered a quarter.

To lure a child into pornography, an adult may promise fame, "Trust me, beautiful, if you'll just put this on and do what I say, you'll be famous." Other child lures are fun and games. "Do you want to play a fun new game with me?" Older children may even be offered employment in exchange for sexual favors. Abusers can also use threats, "If you tell anyone about our little game, you will be in big trouble!"

Children are also easily confused by the old standby "Jamie, get in the car! Your mommy has been in a bad accident and daddy sent me to bring you to the hospital!"

This is why you need to have a code word with your kids. Then if this was a real situation, the family friend could say the code word, and the child would know that it was all right to go with them. It is important to stress with kids that only the parents and the children can know the code word, and that the parent will only tell someone who is picking up the child in an emergency.

The code word will need to be changed if it is ever

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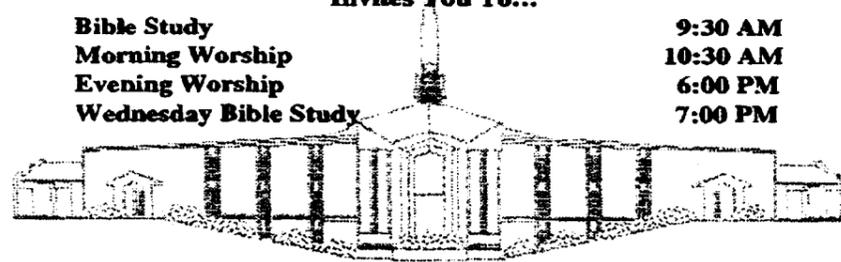
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# Acquisition work force gets annual update from Army



**ACQUISITION SUPPORT**— Dilworth, left, and Clodfelter work for the Army Acquisition Executive Support Agency.

By Skip Vaughn

Local members of the Acquisition work force received updates from their leadership in Washington in an annual briefing here June 17.

Keith Charles, deputy director of acquisition career management for the assistant secretary of the Army, addressed about 200 people at the Rocket Auditorium. This was the second consecutive year he has held this event. Charles serves as deputy assistant secretary for plans, programs and policy in the office of the assistant secretary of the Army for research development and acquisition.

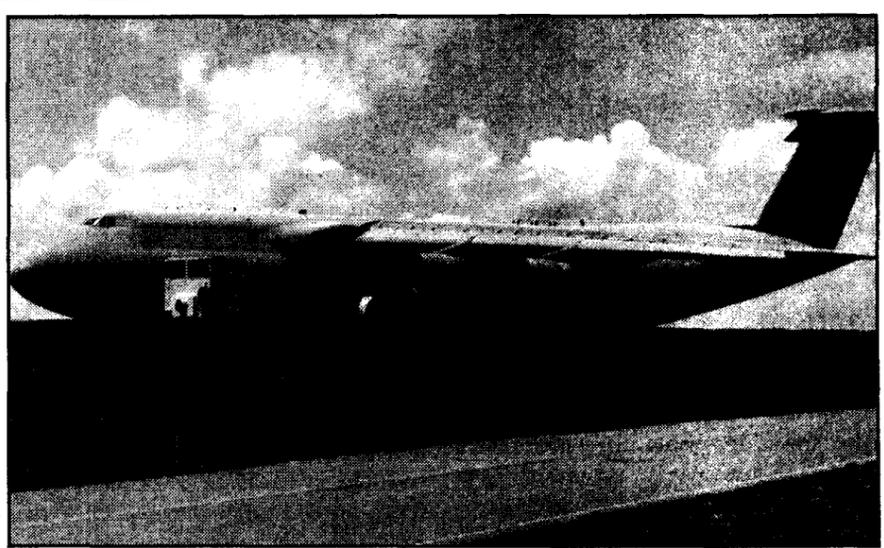
"The whole purpose of him coming here is to update the (Acquisition) work force on opportunities as well as present some charters for people here in Huntsville," Sharon Clodfelter, of the Army Acquisition Executive Support Agency, said.

Charles presented charters to four people who were appointed as acquisition career management advocates. They include Dr. Richard Rhoades of Research Development and Engineering Center, Billy Bentley of Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, Carolyn Thompson of Space and Strategic Defense Command, and Maxine Maples of PEO for

Air and Missile Defense.

Clodfelter and Maggie Dilworth, also of Army Acquisition Executive Support Agency, can help answer questions from the Acquisition work force. Clodfelter serves as point of contact for the Missile Command, Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office, and PEO for Tactical Missiles; while Dilworth supports SSDC and the PEO for Air and Missile Defense. For information call Clodfelter 842-8677 or Dilworth 955-2529.

"The Acquisition work force here in Huntsville is about 3,300 people. That includes MICOM, SSDC and the Corps of Engineers," Clodfelter said.



## NASA pickup...

Two C-5 aircraft came to Redstone Army Airfield last week to pick up part of the international space station from Marshall Space Flight Center where it was built. The aircraft were scheduled to depart June 22 for

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# Watch out for the long-term effects of tool vibrations

By Steven Chervak

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, Md.—“More Power!” This is the common cry of a character on a popular situation comedy. But, does he ever stop to think about the consequences of adding more power to that leaf blower or electric can opener? Probably not.

Often the same situation is true in real life. If a process in an industrial setting is deemed to be highly repetitive, the solution is often automation or the addition of power tools. The addition of power tools may provide some answers to the problems that are currently plaguing engineers, such as productivity or bottle necking, but the use of power tools can also introduce a variety of new problems. These problems can be detrimental to the health and well-being of the workers. One of the problems is vibration.

Two classifications of vibration affect the human body: whole-body vibration and hand-arm vibration. Whole-body vibration can cause lower-back problems or internal problems and usually is transmitted to the body via the feet or buttocks by ill-designed seats or floors. Hand-arm vibration is associated with such illnesses as carpal tunnel syndrome or Raynaud's phenomena and is usually transmitted to the body through the power or pneumatic tool that a worker uses.

Vibration-induced Raynaud's phenomena is characterized by a blanching or whitening of the fingertips, followed by redness when recovering from an attack. This blanching is caused by constriction of the blood vessels in the fingers, which limits the amount of blood circulating to and from the fingertips. This lack of blood causes the pigmentation of the hand to change to the characteristic white and, if left unchecked, can lead to gangrene of the affected fingers.

Raynaud's phenomena had been scientifically linked to extended use of vibrating hand tools. There are several factors which will increase the risk of incurring Raynaud's phenomena: vibration frequency, vibration magnitude (acceleration), exposure time, temperature, and tool design. While vibration frequency and magnitude are primary causes of Raynaud's phenomena, cold temperatures, static postures, high levels of force and poor tool design greatly decrease the amount of time a person can be exposed to the vibration before exhibiting symptoms of Raynaud's phenomena.

Taking preventive actions before the onset of symptoms will reduce the risk of developing Raynaud's phenomena or reduce the progression of the condition if a person has already been diagnosed. The best way to prevent Raynaud's phenomena is to reduce the amount of time a person is

exposed to the vibration source. Consult scientific publications (e.g., American National Standards Institute, American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, or National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) concerning exposure levels, and keep the workers' exposure time to less than the recommended levels. You can accomplish this by providing additional breaks if necessary or implementing some type of worker or job rotation cycle.

Once proper measures have been taken to reduce the amount of time a person is exposed to vibration, steps need to be implemented to reduce the magnitude of vibration from hand tools. Three preventive measures, used together, can reduce the risk of developing Raynaud's phenomena: properly maintain hand tools; use anti-vibration hand tools; and use vibration-dampening gloves.

Proper maintenance of hand tools is essential. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations concerning preventive maintenance of hand tools to keep the equipment in proper working order. In turn, the properly maintained equipment will keep the vibration levels to a minimum.

Several companies manufacture anti-vibration hand tools for various applications. These tools are specially designed with vibration-dampening materials and com-

ponents that reduce the vibration emitted by the tools.

Vibration-dampening gloves will reduce some of the vibration to the hands from the tools. Be sure to purchase gloves that have some type of gel in the palm. Also, be sure the gloves are full-fingered; gloves without fingers are useless in the fight against Raynaud's phenomena.

Keep the hands warm and dry when working with vibrating tools to reduce the risk of developing Raynaud's phenomena. Several studies show a dramatic increase in the incidence of Raynaud's phenomena when the climate becomes colder.

Finally, maintaining a neutral posture will insure that workers are reducing the exposure of their bodies to the unnecessary forces associated with non-neutral postures. For example, keeping the wrists and hands in line with the forearms reduces the muscle forces needed to grip the tools and lowers pressure in the carpal tunnel, thereby reducing muscle fatigue and increasing blood flow.

In a perfect world hand tools would not vibrate. But until then, we need to take precautions to keep our work force healthy, happy, and ready for the mission at hand. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Chervak is with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.)

## ABUSE

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revealed to anyone else (ed. note: information on lures was referenced in "Child Abuse" by Adele Mayer, 1985, but was originally written by Ken Wooden in work quoted above).

### Strangers

The last principle of abuse protection is teaching children how to act around strangers.

Kids are very confused about what the word stranger means. They often do not

understand they need to be just as careful around strangers who are nice, or pretty, or who know their name, or who they have seen before. A stranger is simply someone who they don't know well: they can't tell a good stranger from a bad stranger.

Teach kids to drop what they're doing and stand up when a stranger comes into the yard or playground, and to always stay out of reach of any stranger. Also, teach them not to talk to strangers, not to go anywhere with strangers (unless the code word is used), and never to take anything from a stranger (then the child would be within an arm's reach).

Again, stress the importance of listening to that funny feeling inside to get away from a stranger if something doesn't seem right. Children should not try to help a stranger who claims to need their help; the stranger needs to find another adult to help.

Teach your children that they are responsible for keeping themselves safe when you cannot be with them. Kids also need to understand that they are never responsible for an adult mistreating them.

These basic principles of abuse prevention are recommended for teaching preschool through third-grade children, but are important for children of all ages to

know. The most important rule about teaching children these skills is to be open and honest with them, without frightening them.

These teaching methods have been proven to change children's behavior, so that it is natural for them to protect themselves from abuse situations before the abuse occurs.

As with anything, these ideas and skills need to be reinforced to the children continually after the initial lessons, so that they are not forgotten. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Edwards is a child educator with the 233rd Base Support Battalion's Family Advocacy Program.)

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## CFC slogan contest draws 327 ideas

If people give to this year's Combined Federal Campaign as heavily as they submitted slogans, the fundraising drive will do very well.

Some 327 slogan candidates were submitted to the contest, according to Dr. Herschel Love, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee. "Our slogan committee has boiled that down to 10, and then these 10 will be submitted to the Local Federal Coordinating Committee," he said.

The Local Federal Coordinating Committee is to select a winner today. That committee consists of Love, the Missile Command's representative, and people from 35 other federal agencies in the Tennessee Valley.

The winning slogan will be used as the theme for the 1997 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. Its submitter will be honored at the CFC kickoff banquet at noon Sept. 29.

## PLAYER

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the Phillies, Perry said "They don't have much this year either." I told him I'm a Braves fan now.

I shook his hand several times before saying goodbye. Mister Perry made my day.

In addition to obtaining autographs from some of the greatest players in Major League Baseball history, the tour provides military personnel and their families an opportunity to register for a vacation for four to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The sweepstakes is open only to authorized military patrons and their immediate family.

Seven family vacations will be awarded during the sweepstakes. Each winning family will be hosted by two Major League Baseball legends.

"The Baseball Legends autograph sessions provide unique opportunities for our

## RACE

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ing over the past years, minorities and women have made progress," Collier said. "To date, affirmative action constitutes the most meaningful and effective means devised by government for delivering the promise of equal opportunity."

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# VA regulation change helps Persian Gulf War veterans with illness

WASHINGTON— President Clinton has approved a request by Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown to extend the eligibility period for compensation for Persian Gulf War veterans with undiagnosed illnesses.

Brown recommended that VA extend through Dec. 31, 2001, the period in which Gulf War veterans' undiagnosed illnesses must become manifest in order to be presumed related to their service in the Gulf and thus qualify them for VA compensation benefits.

"Gulf War veterans who fell ill as a result of service to their country should receive the compensation

they earned, even if science cannot yet pinpoint the cause of their illnesses," President Clinton said. "I will not stop until we have done everything in our power to provide the care and find the answers our Gulf War veterans so badly need and deserve."

Of the 84,000 veterans claiming a disability related to Gulf service, about 65,000 have already been approved by VA under conventional criteria. Only 660 have been service-connected to date under the undiagnosed-illness regulation, but thousands of new claimants

may become eligible as a result of the change in compensation regulations. After the regulation becomes final, approximately 5,000 claims that were denied because they did not meet the current two-year presumptive period will be readjudicated.

Veterans who are in need of medical care, who wish to take advantage of the protocol physical examination under the Persian Gulf Registry, or who have general questions about the Persian Gulf experience, environmental factors, or VA medical policies, may receive

information from their local VA medical center or the Persian Gulf Information Helpline, 1-800-PGW-VETWS (1-800-749-8387).

Active-duty service-members who were deployed to the Gulf War may receive a protocol health examination through military treatment facilities by calling 1-800-796-9699. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: This article courtesy of the Armed Forces and the Veterans Administration Public Affairs news services.)

players to meet their fans, up close and personal," Brooks Robinson, president of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association, said in a prepared release from the association. "We look forward to the event each year."

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# New program puts recruiting in the hands of the soldiers

By Kathleen Welker

WASHINGTON— Recruiting for America's Army has become an all-Army occupation since a new program requests installation and MACOM command sergeants major and sergeants major enter into a "recruiting partnership." Operation SMART (the Sergeant Major of the Army's Recruiting Team) will provide an opportunity for both the U.S. Army Recruiting Command and the Army's senior NCO leadership to enhance and provide assistance to the recruiting missions for the Army.

"The primary mission of recruiters is to recruit qualified young men and women for Army units, both active and reserve," said CSM Thomas R. Brooks, U.S. Army Recruiting Command. "We want to create a

partnership with non-recruiting soldiers, so that they too will feel some responsibility for providing the strength. Soldiers talk to prospects everyday; if they send us a referral who later enlists, they will help both recruiting and units throughout the Army."

Operation SMART is a worldwide referral program for soldiers to refer prospective applicants to the appropriate recruiting personnel. Referrals have proven to be one of the best means of gaining quality enlistments. By expanding the numbers of soldiers who are actively looking for military prospects, making recruiting every soldier's business, the chances for success are greatly enhanced. This program enables active duty soldiers to play a vital role in the selection process of those with whom they serve.

Operation SMART briefing packets are

being sent to installation and MACOM senior enlisted personnel explaining the program in detail. Complete with incentives for referrals and detailed instructions, the briefing packets will also include information papers on the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program, Soldier of the Quarter Recruiter Assistance Program, and Total Army Involvement in Recruiting, as well as other recruiting promotional activities.

Each soldier who refers an applicant, resulting in an enlistment into the regular Army or Army Reserve, will receive a certificate from the Office of the Sergeant Major of the Army. Any soldier who makes enough referrals that result in three enlistments will receive a coin from the Office of the Sergeant Major of the Army. At the end of each quarter, USAREC will publish the

units and names of soldiers who have provided the most referrals and the most enlistments from those referrals. At the end of each fiscal year, the soldier who has provided the most referrals resulting in enlistments will be invited to the Annual Chief of Staff of the Army Recruiter of Excellence Award Ceremony for personal recognition by the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Sergeant Major of the Army.

All regular Army units and Army Reserve units with a command sergeant major or sergeant major will be included in this program. The initial mailing of this program will be for MACOM, installation, and Regional Support Commands command sergeants major who will redistribute to their subordinate commands. (Arnews)

## READY

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tered a simulated casualty, actually a 150-pound dummy, they evaluated, transported to the top of the tower and rappelled to the ground. All of this took approximately three minutes.

"The funny thing about that was the more we did it, the better our times got," Alexander said. "You would think after running through the scenario a few times, our guys would be smoked and get slower, but that didn't happen."

It's this type of ability which has allowed the SRT to place high in several competitions, including third place out of 16 teams at a contest in Spartanburg, S.C.

Although important, training isn't the sole reason for the SRT's ability.

Alexander said the quality of the people are what

makes the unit effective.

"We get the cream of the crop from the battalions," he said. "We get their PT studs and their best shooters. Even if they're not, they will be after they've been here awhile."

One team member, Spec. Rory O'Donnell, part of the four-member sniper team, and a virtual non-shooter before joining the SRT, said he developed his abilities due to the team's training philosophy.

"There's a real flexible attitude here. Although rank has a place, nobody feels they can't speak up," he said. "Everybody is willing to listen to everyone else. I learned a lot of what I know just by listening."

During training for an SRT competition, members demonstrated their abilities in this area.

An internal competition was held to see who would represent the SRT at the competition. After warming up by shooting the center

out of several human silhouette targets, the soldiers broke up into groups of five to fire the competition table.

The table opened with a shotgun man running about 70 feet, engaging two targets and falling down as if injured. The other team members then had to get to the "down" officer and retrieve him.

Getting to him involved running about 20 feet and engaging 10 hostile bowling

pins from a prone position. Another 20 feet away, the second pair of shooters had to engage 10 more pins standing.

Once all the pins were cleared, the four SRT members picked up their fallen comrade and carried him back to the start line.

The team performed this table several times using a different combination of shooters, completing it in slightly more than a minute

each time.

It's training like this, combined with room clearing exercises and physical training, that pays off in competition and operationally.

"There has to be a high level of individual decision making, but everyone has to be on the same sheet of music," O'Donnell said describing the paradox of operating in a tactical urban environment.

Although the team hasn't been activated since he got here in February, Alexander said it's always a possibility.

"Will we ever get used?" Alexander asked himself. "I don't know. I hope not, because it would have to be a pretty serious situation for us to get called out. If it happens, we'll be ready."

(Editor's note: Sgt. Smith is with the Paraglide newspaper staff.)

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# Kaiserslautern American High student gets scholarship

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.— Vincent Furia, son of MSgt. and Mrs. Robert Furia, and a senior at Kaiserslautern American High School in Germany, will be taking his college dreams to the bank soon. Furia was recently selected as the Army's winner of the annual Cmdr. William S. Stuhr Scholarship Fund and will receive \$4,000 over a four-year period to help defray college tuition costs.

The German National Honor Society member and his parents will join four other college-bound student honorees, representing each branch of the U.S. Armed Services, on June 27 at the scholarship fund's 32nd annual awards dinner at the Union League Club in Manhattan. Frederick Pang, assistant secretary of defense, will be the keynote

speaker at the awards dinner and assist the fund's board of trustees in presenting scholarships to the deserving students.

Military commanders and directors of the Armed Services commissary and exchange services will also be on hand at the awards dinner, along with corporate officers representing military retail sales companies across the country.

According to Joe LaRiviere, executive director of the Cmdr. Wm. S. Stuhr Scholarship Fund for military sons and daughters, "This year we (the fund) will be awarding \$22,500 in scholarships to the sons and daughters of U.S. service members worldwide."

The Stuhr Fund currently assists 20 military family member students attending colleges and universities

nationwide. "Thirteen are on university dean's or president's lists," LaRiviere points out. "Our commitment to these students is currently \$80,000 during their four years at college." This amount will increase to \$90,000 as the fund intends to raise the 4-year awards package to \$4,500 next year.

The Cmdr. William S. Stuhr Scholarship Fund is a tax-exempt charitable trust fund created Jan. 18, 1965, with a grant of \$6,189.83. "To understand the mission of the fund," LaRiviere states, "it's essential to know something of the man whose devotion to country — and the U.S. Armed Forces in particular — was the founding spirit behind the scholarship fund."

After its establishment, a cooperative fund raising

effort with industry followed. During its first decade, the fund benefited from the support of senior management at corporate headquarters across America, as well as donations by a large number of military flag officers. As a consequence, initial capital soon surpassed \$100,000. The fund is expected to reach \$360,000 this year. In 1993, it received its first foundation grant from Hugoton Foundation, and subsequently donations from two additional foundations.

During its 32-year history, the Fund has awarded scholarships to more than 150 high school students — family members representing all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The scholarship candidates are chosen by each of the military service branches on the basis

of academic performance, leadership potential and financial need.

"Called on to follow their parents from post to post, base to base, the young military family member develops a broad life perspective and not a few international viewpoints as a result of foreign residence," LaRiviere notes.

"As a consequence, however, these young men and women generally don't live in any one community long enough to establish roots. Therefore, most often can't benefit from local community scholarships and other sources of financial aid. Hence the special need for

the Cmdr. Stuhr Scholarship Fund."

Until 1983, the scholarship awards were \$2,000 covering four years, or \$500 per year. That year the fund's board of trustees voted to increase the award to \$3,000, reflecting growing donations and higher investment revenues. In 1987, investment income and a significant increase in contributions permitted the stipends to be further raised to \$4,000, or \$1,000 per year. That amount will increase next year to \$4,500 over the life of the scholarship. (Arnews)

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# Meigs tapped for third star

WASHINGTON— Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen announced June 17 that the President has nominated Maj. Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, U.S. Army, for appointment to the grade of lieutenant gen-

eral and assignment as commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Since July 1995, he has served as the commanding general, 1st Infantry Divi-

sion, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

Meigs was born on Jan. 11, 1945, in Annapolis, Md.

(DoD release)

# Ex-defense secretaries urge China favored trade status

WASHINGTON— In a letter to President Clinton, 10 former Secretaries of Defense have confirmed their support for the renewal of most favored nation trading status with China.

The White House on June 23, outlines the signatories' belief that renewal of MFN trade status will promote the national security interests of the United States.

Signees included Dr. Harold Brown, Frank Car-

lucci, Dick Cheney, Clark Clifford, Melvin Laird, Robert S. McNamara, Dr. William J. Perry, Elliot L. Richardson, Donald H. Rumsfeld and Dr. James Schlesinger. (Defense release)

# Dental plan rates to increase Aug. 1

AURORA, Colo.— The monthly premium for the TRICARE Active-duty Family Member Dental Plan will increase Aug. 1.

The rate for a single enrollment will go up from the present \$7.19 per month to \$7.64. A family enrollment that now costs \$17.97 per month will be \$19.09.

Active-duty service-members will see the premium increase reflected in their July Leave and Earnings Statements. Families who are signed up for the plan by their military sponsors on or after July 1 will be enrolled at the new rate.

The scheduled premium increases were proposed by the present contractor, United Concordia Companies Inc., in its initial bid for the contract, to cover expected increases in program costs. The new premium amounts are still less than those that went into effect in April 1993, when the dental plan's benefits were expanded.

The monthly premium that active-duty service-members have deducted from their paychecks represents 40 percent of the total premium cost for the plan. The other 60 percent is

picked up by the government.

For information about the dental plan call United Concordia Companies Inc., toll-free number 1-800-866-8499. (Courtesy Navy News Service)

# Announcements

**Team Redstone picnic**— The 1997 Team Redstone Organization Day is scheduled Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Area. Rain date is Friday. For more information, call Pat McCrary 876-4122.

**Military personnel office**— The Military Personnel Office will be closed Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-close of business to allow employees to attend the Team Redstone Picnic. ID cards will be issued from 8-9:30 prior to closing.

**Beach night**— The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a Beach Night on Saturday from 7 p.m. until midnight at the Flagstone Apartment Clubhouse in Madison. This event is open to everyone. For more information, call Tammy Moore 876-3033.

**Asian Pacific committee**— An Asian Pacific American Planning Committee meeting will be held 12:30 p.m. Thursday in building 5300, room 5130. For more information, call

Kate Love 876-8015 or Jackie White 876-3591.

**Apprenticeship program**— Department of Army has designated Aug. 1 as the ending date to phase out Army Apprenticeship Program (AAP) worldwide programs. This is a last chance call to all current enrollees to submit their AAP documentation verifying on-the-job work experience. Soldiers unable or unwilling to complete their required hours in the AAP will receive a partial letter of completion. All soldiers who are currently enrolled in an AAP should call the Education Center office here 876-0080 or wherever their AAP records are kept on file for a current status report.

**Retired enlisted**— The Retired Enlisted Association is not just for military retirees. Active duty NCOs can also get a free six-month membership. For information call 1-800-808-4514 or Lawrence Welcome, retired sergeant first class, 852-8219.

**Data managers**— The

Huntsville CALS Interest Group (HCIG) is sponsoring a Configuration & Data Management Workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 15 in building 3448 on Redstone Arsenal. This workshop will be conducted using the Electronic Meeting System, and will focus on new approaches and directions for the CALS initiative. Scheduled guest is Linda Burgher, from the CALS office at Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. Participation is limited to 35, so those interested are urged to make their reservations early by calling Cindy Hauer 890-8083 (you may leave a message if necessary). There is a \$10 charge for non-HCIG members. An extended lunch break is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to allow workshop attendees to make their own arrangements. HCIG always welcomes new members; if you are interested, see one of the board members at the workshop.

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**Smithsonian treasures** — "America's Smithsonian," the largest museum exhibition ever put on the road, is open through July 9 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. The exhibition represents the largest collection of national treasures ever to leave the Smithsonian museums. "America's Smithsonian" is the highlight of the institution's 150th anniversary commemoration (1846-1996). Popular items in the exhibit include the ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz," Alan Shepard's Mercury capsule and his Apollo command module; George Washington's sword; Dizzy Gillespie's trumpet; Abraham Lincoln's top hat; Pat Nixon's inaugural gown; a 245-carat diamond necklace; a 1948 Tucker car and Richard Petty's racing car; Franklin Roosevelt's lap robe; art works by Pablo

Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol; and 4.5 million-year-old fossil shark teeth. Admission to the exhibit is free, but tickets are required. Admission hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. On certain days, the last admissions are at 4 p.m. To order advance tickets, the public may call (800) 913-TOUR. (There is a \$3.50 service charge per ticket for phone orders.)

**Bellydancing class**— The Beledi Club offers Basic Bellydancing classes through July 16 at 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays in Powerhouse Health & Fitness, 8760 Highway 20 West (Spencer Square) in Madison. For more information, call Sallye Elliott 722-0136.

**Live jazz**— Tres Jazz Combo will perform jazz and Latin music at 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday at Cesar's Italian Cafe, 401 Hughes Road in Madison. For information call 772-7040.

**Building 5681 ceremony**— A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 this morning at newly-renovated building 5681 which will house the Program Executive Office for Aviation. PEO for Aviation is part of the contingent of employees moving to Redstone from St. Louis. The renovation project cost \$7.8 million.

**Huntsville Stars benefit** — For "Mascot Night," June 29 the Huntsville Stars have given general admission tickets (at \$4 per ticket)

to Kid's Kingdom. All proceeds will benefit Kid's Kingdom. Game time is 7:05 p.m. June 29 at Joe Davis Stadium. Tickets are available at Kroger in Madison and Logan Square. For more ticket information, call 772-PLAY.

**Union meeting**— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. July 14 at building 3202, the union office. The attendance prize has increased to \$400, but you must be present to win. All bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend.

**Boating safety**— The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Madison Recreation Department will offer a six-week safe boating class beginning July 10 at Madison's Dublin Memorial Park. Class sessions will be held each Thursday from 7-9 p.m. Registration fee is \$20 per person, which includes the Coast Guard Auxiliary safe boating class fee of \$15 and the rental use fee of \$5 for Dublin Memorial Park. The safe boating class is for everyone age 12 and over. For more information, call the Madison Recreation Department 772-9300 or the U.S. Coast Guard 1-800-368-5647.

**Girls soccer**— Orange Crush girls soccer club will have tryouts for girls ages 9-13 on July 8, 17 and 22. For more information call Steve Baird 650-5179, Jim Nichols 883-7382 or Larry Davis 883-9714.

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- '95 Ford Contour LX, V6, 5 sp., full power, cruise, traction control, ABS, CD changer, air, 50K mi., \$10,000. 772-2038.
- '95 Nissan Pathfinder, like new, 50K mi. luggage rack, wheel carrier, air, auto, V6, new \$24,000 asking \$16,400. (205) 586-2708.
- '95 Ford Super Cab. Chrome wheels, tinted windows, fully loaded, 25K mi., \$20,000. (615) 433-2147 after 7 pm.
- '94 Mazda pickup B2300. Matching camper shell, 49K mi., like brand new. \$8,900. 883-6894.
- '94 Plymouth Duster, 2 dr., very sharp, super clean, 4 cyl., 5 sp., spoiler, great car for teenager. \$6,800. 852-2324.

- '94 Pontiac Firebird, V6, auto, all power, white, lady driven, perfect cond., never wrecked, 13K mi., \$13,000. 430-1069
- '93 Saturn SL2, 5 sp., air, power sunroof, alloy wheels, cruise, all documented maint., 1 owner, garage kept, 78K mi. \$9,800. 461-0258.
- '92 Mitsubishi Eclipse GS, silver, 5 sp., air, power, stereo, 95K mi., 1 owner, well cared for. 881-0472.
- '92 Saturn Sport Coupe, 28k mi., exc. cond. best offer. 539-7597.
- '91 Olds Calais, blue, 4 dr., auto, air, cruise, 69K mi., \$4,000 obo. 859-4019.

- '87 Dodge Dakota pickup, LWB, V6, auto, air, bedliner, \$2,200. 828-7301.
- '87 Mazda B2600 LX/LB, black, air, 89K mi., 2nd owner. \$3,950. 895-8306.
- '84 Mercedes 300D Turbo sedan, auto, ar, alloy wheels, power locks, windows, steering cruise, radio, cassette, sunroof, \$4,800. 880-9458.
- '82 Corvette, new 2 tone blue paint, new tires, 5.0L V8, custom stereo. 12,500 obo.
- '80 BMW 320i, beige, 5 sp., air, sunroof, stereo, 200K mi., ga. aged, service records, exc. cond., \$2,500. 882-0566 after 5pm.
- '75 Chevrolet Suburban 454, new heads and motor repair, transmission reworked, new carb. \$2,500. 350-7694 after 6 pm.
- '69 VW Beetle, rebuilt 1500cc motor, new clutch, complete brake service, new header, dual exhaust, 1 yr. old paint. \$2,400. 776-3297.

**• Miscellaneous •**

- Big Cove, multi-family rummage sale, inside the Madison County Flea Mkt., 431 Hwy. S. June 27-28. beginning 7 am.
- Cherry wood German Sherank, asking \$1,600 obo. James Wright, 864-0028.
- Doll house, tin, 1950's, 1960's, Japan, with some furniture, \$50. 881-1030.
- 8x10 wood barn. PCSing in July. \$350 obo. 722-8170.
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'94 **SECA II sport bike**, 600cc, canary yellow, new tires, brakes, tune up, 2 helmets, tank bag, good cond., great bike. \$2,700 obo. 851-7498.

**Nord-track**, \$250. Brother knitting, steal for 4250. 828-4972, lv. msg.

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