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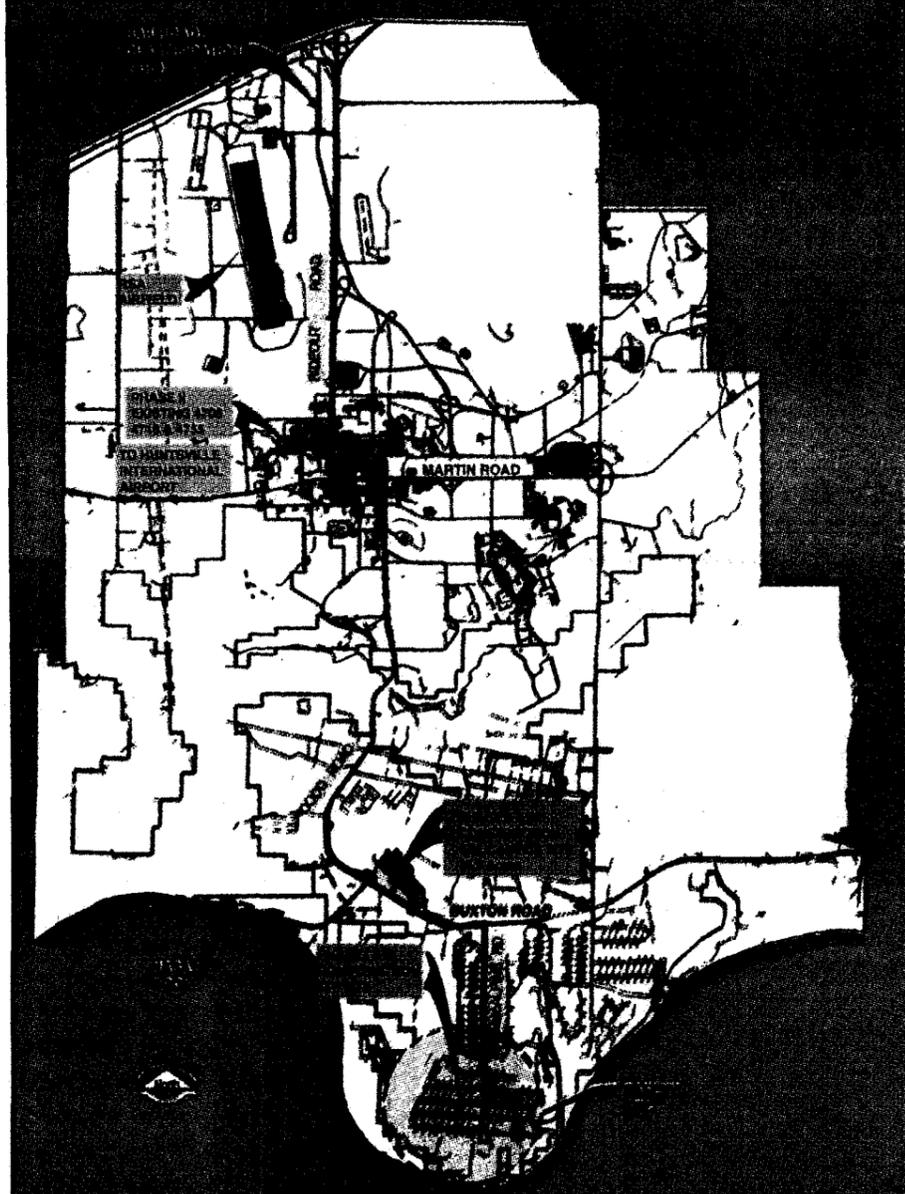


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PROPOSED SITE— Redstone's proposed site for the space-based laser facility is on the southern part of the post.

Redstone being considered for space-based test facility

By Skip Vaughn

Redstone Arsenal is among four sites under consideration by BMDO for its planned Space-Based Laser Test Facility.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization will select either Redstone; Cape Canaveral, Fla.; Cape Kennedy, Fla.; or the John Stennis Space Facility near Gulfport, Miss. A report should be completed by the end of spring and an announcement made sometime this summer, according to Air Force Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, spokesman for BMDO at the Pentagon.

"And when they make an announcement, they'll really be saying the place we'd like to have and then obviously they'll begin an environmental impact statement," Lehner said.

This is a joint effort by BMDO, the Air Force, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

BMDO's budget request for 1999 for the space-based laser test facility is \$98 million. The facility's purpose will be "to develop a test and technology for a space-based laser system which could be used as a missile defense system," Lehner said.

Space-based laser is a technology program and its long-term viability remains to be seen. BMDO's main mission is developing ground- and ship-based interceptors.

Redstone and the other three potential sites were visited by a survey team in January.

Redstone proposed that the site be located on the south part of the Arsenal. This

would include administrative space on about 35 acres off Buxton Road and the test facility itself off McAlpine Road on the extreme south end of the post, according to Mike Hubbard, director of Environmental Management and Planning. "That gives you basically a three-quarter mile circle," he said.

"There were 26 individuals on the site assessment team and they visited Jan. 27 and 28," Hubbard said. "They're saying there could be a decision made as early as late March or early April."

Asked the number of people the facility would employ, he said, "They're saying potentially, when they get into production, between 600 and 700 people."

EDAW Inc. has been contracted to do an environmental assessment of all four proposed sites in conjunction with the selection process, according to Hubbard.

The Army Corps of Engineers' Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville conducted all four site surveys at the request of BMDO. "We're basically the lead agency conducting the site survey for the facility," Linda James, public affairs spokesperson for the Huntsville center, said.

The survey team spent two days at each site. These visits included Cape Canaveral and Cape Kennedy during the week of Jan. 12; Stennis Space Facility the week of Jan. 19; and then Redstone.

"We're not the decision-making body;

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More Army units in field due to receive new air defense radar

By Skip Vaughn

The Army has decided to deliver its advanced air defense radar to more units in the field.

Fieldings of the Sentinel system began last summer. Originally the plan was to deliver 115 radars to active duty and National Guard units through year 2003. The Army decided last December to increase the number of National Guard recipients, boosting the total to 172 radars through 2006.

This decision was based on need "although I think the radar's performance has been a factor," Lt. Col. Tim McKaig, the Sentinel prod-

uct manager, said.

Besides fielding to tactical units, two Army schools have received Sentinel training systems. The 2nd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas, received a Sentinel Training System in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 20. This system for operator training includes six student stations, two instructor stations, and a software support center.

"With the trainer, it saves a lot of operational costs (rather) than having the prime system," Jerry Isbill, logistics management specialist in Sentinel Product Office, said. Using the trainer rather than the actual

radar saves money in training soldiers.

The Sentinel Maintenance Trainer for teaching Sentinel maintenance personnel was delivered last September to a training detachment at Fort Sill, Okla. The detachment is part of the Redstone-based Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. The SMT includes four student stations, one instructor station, and a software support center.

"We have fielded to both the schools: the school at Fort Sill and the school at Fort Bliss. That's completed," Isbill said.

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STUDENT STATION— The Sentinel Training System includes six of these students stations plus two instructor stations and a software support center.



Letters To The Editor

Travel voucher

I know I am not alone in this, but I submitted my travel voucher for my move from St. Louis to Huntsville in early October and still have not heard anything on it. This is really going to screw my taxes up, especially since I won't know how much the movers charged so I can claim it as an expense on my taxes until my voucher is processed. How bad is the backlog going to get before anyone here does anything about it? Can more people be brought in to process vouchers?

Also related to the move, could someone explain how the RITA (Relocation Income Tax Allowance) is supposed to work? It'd be nice if there were training classes on how to recoup this. This will probably be a rude awakening for many...

It just seems at times that now that we're all down here the Command isn't keeping us informed like it was prior to the move or pushing issues like travel voucher processing.

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service, St. Louis OPLOC provided the following response. "Previously, the DFAS St Louis OPLOC Travel Branch processed an average of 3,500 travel vouchers each month. During the last fiscal year, as we consolidated AMC's finance and accounting support into the St Louis OPLOC, the average number of vouchers increased

to 9,000. Throughout the operating year we did experience some backlog. As we are committed to providing our customers with the best possible service, we recently hired 16 new employees in the Travel Branch. Once trained, these new employees will be a great asset in all areas of our Travel Branch, especially helping with backlog.

"DPAS St Louis OPLOC published a PCS Booklet that explains forms and procedures on the Relocation Income Tax Allowance (RITA). This booklet was distributed at the 54 PCS briefings. We are in the process of publishing additional guidance on RITA claims and project to distribute this information to our customers around the end of February 1998. In the meantime, PCS travelers should consult their PCS booklet.

"PCs moves due to base closures (BRAC) were at government expense. There should be no charges from movers unless the traveler exceeded their weight allowance.")

Gifts to Bosnia

I want to take the opportunity to personally thank the people in your reading area for their wonderful and generous contributions to the children of Bosnia. To date, we have received over 4,000 large boxes from across the nation. Children and teachers here are ecstatic over the receipt of your gifts. They are pleasantly surprised that so many Americans care about their plight. I

knew something great was happening when the packages first started pouring in from across the United States. Please continue sending supplies if you find it in your heart to contribute. This program will continue until the schools are back on their feet. We will be relieved by another unit and be leaving sometime this summer. My hope is that this effort will continue well after we have returned home.

Again, I want to personally thank Redstone Arsenal for your contributions. Please know that the children, who have suffered so much in this war-torn land, have benefited from your gifts. Your supplies have been distributed by the soldiers under my command to various local schools, refugee camps, and orphanages. The generosity of Redstone Arsenal and the surrounding area is a reflection of the national character that has made the United States of America a truly great nation. Please know that your contributions have touched me and all the soldiers of Second Squadron, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment. It is truly wonderful to have this opportunity to make this nation a better place for the children of Bosnia Herzegovina. God bless you and have a great 1998! Toujours Pret!!

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No magic bullet discovered yet in war against cancer

By David Cancelada

The recent death of Jay Monahan, the husband of talk show hostess, Katie Couric, from colon cancer at the young age of 42 reinforces the sobering fact that cancer continues to be the No. 1 health issue in this country.

Professionally, as a physician who performs scopes routinely and surgically treats patients for cancer, I never cease to be amazed at how young people present with it. Personally, my own family has been affected with my youngest brother, Alex, dying last September from cancer at the age of 27. Unfortunately, there is no "magic bullet" for cancer despite the incredible technological advances in diagnostic studies and treatment options. The old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" still holds true. If prevention is not possible then discovery as early as possible is the best chance at survival. The diagnosis of colon cancer currently rests on the theory that it arises from polyps that grow in the colon. There are certain categories of polyps that exist, each with their own probabilities of going on to developing cancer. Though they are not "pre-malignant" in the true sense of the term, these polyps have been observed to carry a certain risk ranging anywhere from 5-35 percent of becoming cancerous if left undisturbed.

How does one detect the presence of polyps? Unfortunately, the symptoms are usually a late sign in the detection of colon cancer. A change in bowel habits, blood in the stool, abdominal cramping and bloated-

ness are all symptoms that may be found late in the development of colon cancer. Or they may simply be the result of constipation, hemorrhoids and gas. Most of these symptoms are not very specific for cancer which makes it impossible to diagnose early by symptoms. The best way to find these polyps before they become cancerous is to undergo a variety of screening tests which depend on your age and risk factors.

For people over the age of 40 without symptoms or risk factors, the American Cancer Society (ACS) recommends a yearly digital rectal exam and a hemoccult card test, which is the card on which a stool specimen is placed followed by a certain solution that detects blood in the stool. If blood is present within the stool (even though it may look a normal brown color), the test will turn positive immediately.

For people over the age of 50 without symptoms or risk factors, the ACS recommends a flexible sigmoidoscope every three to five years, in addition to the aforementioned, to detect polyps. As one gets older, the likelihood of polyps developing increases. A flexible sigmoidoscope is a scope approximately 2 feet long which views the entire rectum and sigmoid colon with the aid of fiberoptics. It is an office procedure which usually doesn't last longer than 20 minutes. It does require a mild cathartic and enema to cleanse the lower bowels. If this scope finds polyps, then an additional study in the form of a barium enema or a colonoscopy must be performed to rule out the presence of polyps further up in the colon.

Why not just have a barium enema or colonoscopy to begin with? Unfortunately, all of these procedures do cost money, as well as carry some risk of complications. For screening purposes only, the digital rectal exam, the hemoccult card test and flexible sigmoidoscope are sufficient in someone without symptoms or risk factors.

If you do have symptoms or risk factors, a colonoscopy is probably the best way of ruling out anything serious. The colonoscopy involves a scope being manipulated throughout your colon. The risks are obvious, with bleeding or possible perforation of the colon requiring surgery to correct. Also, it requires a much longer and vigorous bowel cleansing for the procedure and sedation during the procedure so that you're as comfortable as possible. Again, without symptoms or risk factors, you probably don't want to undergo this one.

Who is at risk? Anyone with a history of inflamed bowel, such as ulcerative colitis, a family history of colon cancer defined as a first degree relative diagnosed with colon cancer before the age of 55, and a family history of familial polyposis, a certain genetic disorder that coats the colon with polyps in excess of 100 throughout, are just a few examples. Of course, there is now a genetic test that may determine if you are at increased risk for developing colon cancer. However, in this instance, our technological "grasp" has outdone our "reach" by supplying us with information that we are still trying to deal with. This test is only given to the relatives of patients with familial polyposis or in those patients with strong fami-

ly histories (age of diagnosis less than 55 years, affecting at least two generations and three individuals). It requires extensive psychological counseling since the results may cause "survival guilt" in those with a negative test and extreme fatalism and depression in those with a positive test since now they will have to decide whether to have children, when to undergo removal of their colon, etc., without yet having been diagnosed with the actual cancer. This may prove to be much like a sword of Damocles to these individuals, if not given proper counseling beforehand. Though genetics is promising, it certainly doesn't determine the future with certainty. Environment still plays a role in whether someone will eventually develop cancer. What these environmental "cues" are is still being determined.

How can you prevent these polyps? They seem to be the result of our sedentary lifestyle and refined diets with our increased dietary fat and decreased fiber. This combination seems to slow down the passage of waste material in our colon enough so that it actually "irritates" the colons' lining with carcinogens to develop these polyps. What is required is a lifelong habit of exercise (and this may only need to be a 30 minute walk three times a week) and plenty of fiber in your diet. Again, habits, whether good or bad may determine what road your life may lead.

(Editor's note: Maj. Cancelada is chief of surgery at Fox Army Health Center.)

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BIG supports opportunities for all government workers

By Dale James

Bob Wilson attended his first Blacks in Government convention in Washington, D.C., in 1993.

He was so profoundly impressed with the assemblage of black professionals and with the feeling of "actually playing a role in doing something meaningful within the ranks of black government employees" that he came back to Huntsville and promptly joined the local chapter.

His enthusiasm proved contagious. Appointed to a lowly dues-paying spot on the membership committee, he helped to double the membership in just 18 months. Thursday, Wilson was officially installed in his second term as president.

Currently, the Huntsville chapter boasts some 200 members, making it the largest BIG chapter in the Southeast.

"We have, I'd say, a very successful chapter," said Wilson, a program analyst with the Air and Missile Defense PEO.

BIG was formed in 1975 in order to provide social, economic, political and cultural programs, to eradicate any vestiges of racism and institutional bias, and to encourage professional development among its members.

Said Wilson, "We're an advocate of equal opportunities for all government employees."

Despite its name, membership in BIG is not restricted to blacks.

"Our organization is not exclusively black," Wilson emphasized. "We encourage participation from other groups, as well. We believe that only through open channels of communication can we eliminate misconceptions about each other."

Wilson said one of the most common misconceptions has to do with the motivation behind the formation of organizations aimed primarily at minorities, such as BIG or the Black Chamber of Commerce.

According to Wilson, such groups are intended not to attack the establishment, but to promote opportunities for minorities.

"The fact is," Wilson said, "that discrim-

ination still exists. It may not be as blatant as it once was, but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist. While great strides have been made, our representation in the management ranks is still not anywhere near where it should be.

"And while I can't claim to speak for the Black Chamber, in the past the city has often turned a deaf ear to the needs of minority businesses. Because of recurring racism and inequalities, there was a sincere need for a group which acted as an advocate for minorities."

BIG's primary focus is on professional development and networking. Members benefit from monthly programs on everything from better public speaking to an employee's rights in a RIF process.

"One of our chief goals is to foster professionalism and to get information to our members which would benefit their careers," Wilson explained. "We also develop programs which enhance ethnic pride and, hopefully, inspire our members to greater achievement in their own careers."

The local chapter utilizes an extensive e-mail operation between monthly meetings to keep members informed of topics that affect them professionally.

"A lot of key issues — downsizing, for example — are rising to the surface today, which people need to be aware of professionally," Wilson said.

Wilson stressed that BIG has traditionally enjoyed strong support from the command structure at Redstone.

"We have some excellent non-minority supervisors," he said, "and that's something that, in my opinion, is not stressed enough. I really feel strongly about that. With all the emphasis we see during Black History Month on the struggles that we as a people have faced in this country, I would like to see some honor and tribute paid to those non-minorities who contributed their resources and their courage — and sometimes their lives — to that struggle. People like the white Freedom Riders who stepped



NEW OFFICERS— The new officers for the Huntsville chapter of Blacks in Government include: in the front row, from left, Cheryl Wise, correspondence secretary; Wilson, president; Wilma Whitaker, recording secretary; and

Ralph Reddick, treasurer. In the back row are Claude Mitchell, executive vice president; Al Mitchell, 2nd vice president; and Leon Gill, by-laws committee chairman.

forward at a time when it was not popular to do so."

The local BIG chapter is also active in community outreach efforts, conducting seminars on the steps involved in getting a job with the government and on the importance of supporting minority businesses.

"There's always room for public service," Wilson said. "I encourage young

people today to pursue a career in government. But at the same time I think people need to be aware that government service is changing. It's no longer about just sitting back and collecting a paycheck and a pension.

"These days, in my view, it's all about excellence. You have to have something to offer, you have to have something to give."

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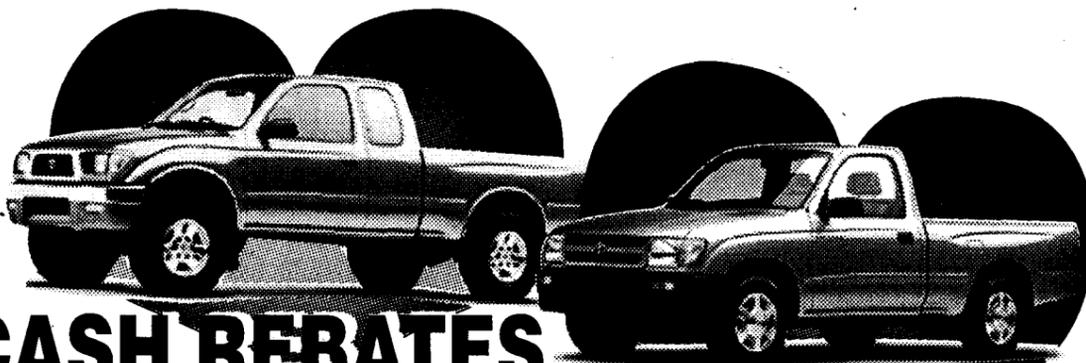
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Huntsville-based brigade trains 1,506 students during 1997

The Headquarters, 3rd Brigade, Combat Support, 100th Division, Institutional Training, commanded by Col. Raymond Zimmerman in Huntsville, and four subordinate school battalions trained 1,506 soldiers in 12 military occupational specialties during the 1997 training year.

The brigade is responsible for training soldiers in the four-state region of Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee as a part of the Army's Total Army School System. Soldiers graduating from these courses return to their units qualified to perform their mission as a part of the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and Army active duty units.

The 3rd Brigade subordinate school battalions are the 1st Battalion (Engineer) in Knoxville, commanded by Lt. Col. Worley Francisco; the 2nd Battalion (Military Police) in Nashville, commanded by Lt. Col. Les Welch; the 3rd Battalion (Signal) in Huntsville, commanded by Lt. Col. Mike Lindsey; and the 4th Battalion (Chemical) in Huntsville, commanded by Lt. Col. Jeff Leiby. These leaders are

now in their second year of tremendous academic success. Instructors from the four battalions teach soldiers throughout the year during weekend drill and annual training.

The Engineer and Signal battalions received accreditation from their proponent schools within the Training and Doctrine Command. This milestone is recognized as a significant accomplishment throughout the Army's educational community. The Military Police and Chemical battalions will seek accreditation during fiscal 1998.

Engineer training tasks taught by the 1st Battalion at Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky included rock quarry operations, building repair and numerous post improvements. Military Police training conducted by the 2nd Battalion consisted of basic skills and leadership training. The 2nd Battalion reacted on short notice to train Military Police soldiers prior to their mobilization deployment to Bosnia.

Signal courses taught by the 3rd Battalion were conducted during annual training missions at Fort Gordon, Ga., Fort McClellan,

Ala., and Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa. Tasks taught include mobile subscriber equipment operations, basic career management skills, and electronics maintenance. Chemical training taught by the 4th Battalion included the Flame Field Expedient (FFE) class and the Chemical Defense Training Facility (CDTF) training. The FFE class included the planning, preparation and detonation of a flame ambush and a hasty flame minefield. The CDTF training was conducted in the "Live Agent" facility with the students in MOPP 4 reacting to a nerve agent in a contaminated environment.

All in all, it was quite a successful training year for the 3rd Brigade. Zimmerman and 3rd Brigade are optimistic about the training opportunities for the upcoming year. For information on unit or individual training opportunities, call Danny Rosson 535-6215. (Release from 3rd Brigade, 100th Division)

Target helicopter makes debut at Redstone Arsenal airfield

By Pam Rogers

The Army accepted a new rotary wing target Jan. 30 that has been designed to mimic a Russian helicopter.

The target, which will be used to test advanced weapon systems, utilizes surplus AH-1 Cobra airframes and can simulate the infrared, radar and visual signatures of the Ka-50 Hokum helicopter. A sheet metal facade and dual exhaust ducts have been installed to simulate the appearance and IR signature of the twin-rotor, dual-engine Hokum.

This version was flown during the presentation ceremony. The helicopters can be configured for manned or unmanned flight. One airframe has been modified to be used as an RF target only and does not have the facade and dual exhaust ducts used in the visual/IR simulant.

The Hokum-X project is a Defense Development



IN FLIGHT— Hokum-X flies at a presentation ceremony at Redstone Jan. 30.

Sharing Agreement between the U.S. and Canada. It is managed by the Targets Management Office, located at Redstone. The office is part of the Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command in Orlando, Fla.

The Hokum-X is being produced through a \$14

million contract with Bristol Aerospace Limited of Winnipeg, Canada. The cost of the contract is being shared equally between Canada and the United States.

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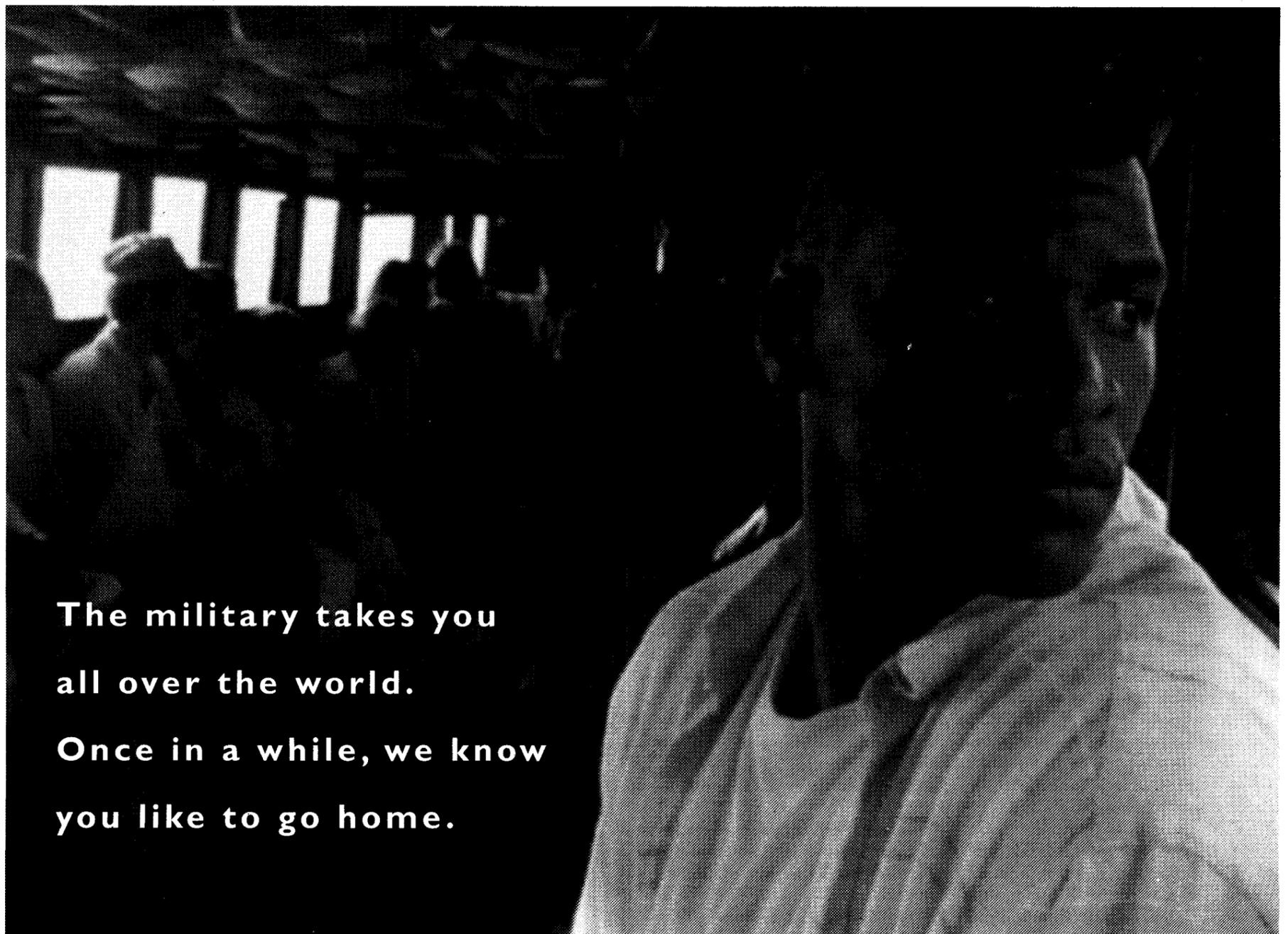
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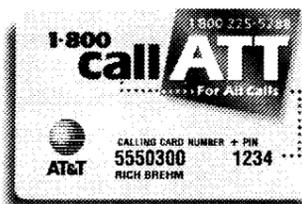
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Violence in the workplace a serious concern for all

By Dale James

Fairly or unfairly, the pejorative term "going postal" appears to be well on its way to becoming an accepted synonym for violence in the workplace.

Jokes about stressed-out postal workers committing random acts of violence have even become a staple of many late-night comedians.

Whether postal workers are any more or less stressed out than workers in other jobs is debatable. But there seems little doubt that the phenomenon of violence in the workplace is on the rise.

Training Team Redstone managers and supervisors to be on the alert for signs of impending violence — and to defuse the causes before the violence can be acted out — is Ed Fahey's job.

Fahey is one of two certified employee assistance professionals with the Alcohol and Drug Control Office. He recently completed special training designed to enable him to conduct seminars aimed at preventing violence in the workplace.

And if there is one message he has for managers and supervisors, it is that violence in the workplace is no laughing matter.

Said Fahey, "There was a time when you used to be able to smoke on the job. Now you can't. It's the same thing with violence in the workplace. You don't joke about violence these days."

One key to preventing violence in the workplace, according to Fahey, is to adopt a policy of "zero tolerance" — not only for acts of violent behavior, but for threats of violence, as well.

"Violence escalates," he explained. "The literature all indicates that there are warning signs in 99 percent of cases involving violence in the workplace. When you take action immediately, it breaks that cycle."

Another key to preventing violence in the workplace is to enlist the aid of employees and to get them to recognize that it is in their own best interest to report any threats

made in the workplace.

Said Fahey, "Violence permeates our society today, unfortunately. And it spills over into the workplace occasionally."

He added that the command structure at Redstone has taken a proactive stance against violence in the workplace, which includes instituting a policy defining exactly what constitutes violence and organizing a community violence prevention program.

"Violence in the workplace goes on every day," Fahey declared. "Sexual harassment is a form of violence. Verbal intimidation is a form of violence. Those are the kinds of things we can no longer tolerate."

Fahey said most people are surprised to learn that the vast majority of job dismissals result not from any lack of technical ability, but from the inability to get along with fellow workers.

Sometimes, the inability to get along is due to poor social skills. Often, outside stresses can adversely affect an employee's performance on the job.

To assist in identifying the factors involved in an employee's job performance, the Alcohol and Drug Control Office offers a wide range of counseling services, from alcohol and drug abuse prevention to marital and financial counseling to improving interpersonal communications.

While Alcohol and Drug Control counselors are not equipped to provide long-term counseling, they are able to make a "barebones" assessment of employees' needs and to serve as a resource in identifying appropriate avenues of help within the community.

Fahey and Marshall Reiss, another certified employee assistance professional who came to Redstone as part of the recent influx of aviation workers, deal with troubled employees on a daily basis.

Each day they counsel employees who are convinced they work for a boss who is a total idiot. And each day they counsel supervisors who are at their wit's end in dealing with certain "trouble" employees.

"We see all the troubled employees,"



HERE TO HELP— Ed Fahey, left, Ruby Turner-Blake and Marshall Reiss of the Alcohol and Drug Control Office offer counseling services to the Team Redstone community.

Fahey said. "For most, it's something they bring to work with them. Perhaps they're having problems in their marriage or with their children, and they bring that stress to work with them. Our job is to help employees keep those problems from spilling over to their work environment."

"We also encourage supervisors, when they have a troubled employee, to call us before things get out of hand."

Reiss noted that some people are reluctant to seek help on their own, for a number of reasons.

"For some," Reiss said, "it's a denial that the problem exists. This is especially true in the case of drug and alcohol problems. And a lot of people now are hesitant to reveal a problem because of the job situation. They're afraid it will adversely affect their future job prospects."

Fahey agreed.

"Most people here have security clearances of one sort or another," Fahey said. "Admitting you have an alcohol problem or a severe emotional problem ... that's a stumbling block for many people."

"What we try to get people to see is, if they're seriously ill, what's more important, your health or your job?"

Fahey and Reiss said that because many people working on the Arsenal are required to obtain a security clearance as part of the hiring process, the incidence of drug and alcohol problems here is lower than in the population as a whole.

As proof, Fahey estimated that eight years ago alcohol- and drug-related cases comprised perhaps 55 percent to 60 percent of his caseload. Today, that number has

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BUS 215	BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS	4:30 P.M. - 6:50 P.M.		Lab each Tuesday after class beginning 3/10	7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
BUS 241	PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING I	4:30 P.M. - 6:50 P.M.	CIS 130	INTRODUCTION TO CIS	4:30 P.M. - 6:50 P.M.
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BUS 275	PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT	7:00 P.M. - 9:20 P.M.	CIS 146	MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS	7:00 P.M. - 9:20 P.M.
CIS 251	C PROGRAMMING	7:00 P.M. - 9:20 P.M.	ENG 101	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	7:00 P.M. - 9:20 P.M.
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Explosive refresher course trains rare breed

By Dale James

As NCO-in-charge of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Division, SFC John Galinaitis defines his mission in simple terms.

"My objective," Galinaitis explained, "is to keep the EOD guy alive in battle."

It is axiomatic in EOD circles that one of the best ways of staying alive in battle is to train during times of peace. And Redstone Arsenal offers some of the most extensive EOD training available anywhere.

Galinaitis was instrumental in organizing the EOD refresher course currently being offered by OMMCS. Begun in October 1996, the course just recently graduated its fourth class, this one from Fort Sill, Okla.

Said Galinaitis, "We're the only base I know of that offers training of this depth and scope. We have an open invite to any defense EOD agency that wants to participate, and there's a lot of agencies that do take part in this training."

One of the things that makes the OMMCS training here unique is the exposure EOD teams receive to situations involving the "downloading" of armor and aircraft units.

A common wartime mission for EOD units is to download and defuse any unexpended ordnance on board an armored vehicle or aircraft which has been damaged in battle.

"Many of these groups

don't have ready access to tanks or aircraft at their home base, making it impossible to conduct this type of training," Galinaitis said.

Other common EOD scenarios involve defusing stuck rounds, handling explosive devices placed in tunnels, and defusing booby traps — such as those set to protect the area surrounding an illegal drug lab.

"When I was stationed in Utah," Galinaitis recalled, "I would say our biggest caseload consisted of de-booby trapping drug labs."

The course includes detailed classroom instruction as well as plenty of "hands-on, realistic training with no simulation."

"EOD is academically very demanding," Galinaitis pointed out. "The technology is constantly changing. We're not electronics experts, and we're not explosives experts. We're bomb technicians. We have to understand a little bit of everything from geometry to physics to electronics."

In addition to requiring an agile mind, EOD also demands an ability to work well under what most people would agree is extreme stress. There is, according to Galinaitis, no one description that fits everyone who volunteers for EOD work.

"We're a rare entity," he agreed. "It's been 15 years since I raised my hand, and I really don't remember what drove me. This might sound contradictory, but it takes a little cockiness and a little modesty all at the same time to be a good

bomb technician.

"You have to know when to take a chance and when to back out and say 'I'm in over my head.' This is definitely one job where you can't let pride take over."

There is one attribute, however, common to every EOD soldier, according to Galinaitis — and that is the pride that comes from doing a difficult job well.

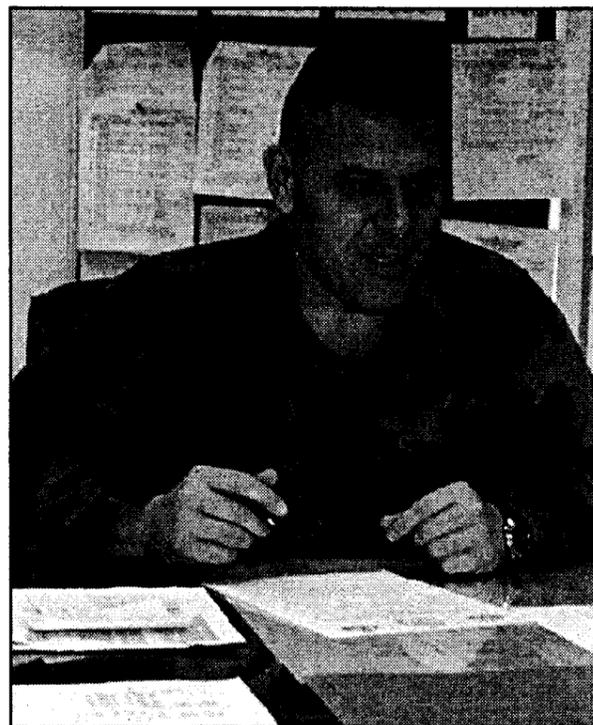
He cited the effort and preparation that goes into each EOD refresher course as a visible example of that pride.

Said Galinaitis, "The EOD refresher course is designed to be staffed with eight people, and we run it with just four. That would-

n't be possible without the efforts of a lot of people supporting us."

He singled out OMMCS commandant Col. Gerald Luttrell; Lt. Col. John Stefanovich, director of EOD; and his company commander and first sergeant, Capt. Sandra Muchow and 1st Sgt. Aaron Jones in particular.

"There's a lot more names," Galinaitis said. "Especially those soldiers who are directly under me — the ones who put in the 15- and 18-hour days preparing for this training. I'd like to thank each and every one of them."



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Cruise missile defense contract awarded to Raytheon Company

By Gerda Sherrill

On Jan. 30, the Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) awarded a big contract for the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor, or JLENS, system to Raytheon Company in Huntsville.

The JLENS demonstration program has three primary objectives: mitigation of the risk associated with the execution of the program; design, development, procurement, fabrication, integration, test, demonstration, and maintenance of a system which meets the performance specification; and development of an operational "leave behind" system for user evaluation and for use in the event of a contingency deployment.

Total program value, including options for system development/demonstration and operation and sustainment is approximately \$300 million. Raytheon's efforts on the JLENS program will be conducted in Raytheon

facilities in Massachusetts, California, Florida and Virginia. Major subcontractors are TRW, TCOM, L.P., Mercury Computer, and Hewlett Packard. Long-term acquisition requirements call for 12 complete systems at an estimated value of \$1.6 billion.

"This initial effort is the start of a truly joint military effort to develop cost-effective, airborne sensors to detect land attack cruise missiles," Col. (promotable) Steven Flohr, SMDC's deputy commander and director of the command's acquisition center, said.

"JLENS enhances cruise missile detection and engagement ranges with many of the current air defense weapons, such as Patriot, Navy Standard Missile 2, and the corps surface-to-air missile system. It will provide our warfighters with the capability to destroy cruise missile threats away from our troops well over enemy territory," Flohr said.

People...

The following members of Patriot Project Office received awards Jan. 20:

- Cynthia D. Gurley, CFC Leadership Award & Pin
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- Felicia Riggs Cook, Certificate of Service- 15 years
- James B. Garner, Certificate of Service- 10 years
- Frederick E. Glazner, Plaque/Patriot of Month for July 1997
- Mike H. Danesh, Plaque/Patriot of Month for September 1997
- Larry J. Hadwin, Plaque/Patriot of Month for November 1997
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Tax assistance center gets steady flow of customers

By Skip Vaughn

About a half dozen cars were parked out front. Inside children's voices could be heard as family members waited to have their tax returns done for free.

It was just a typical morning at Redstone Arsenal's Tax Assistance Center which served more than 230 customers in its first week of operation. The annual office files tax returns for active duty and retired servicemembers and their family members.

"It's busy, it's steady and non-stop. That's for sure," Sgt. Beth Eby, a member of the office, said of the patron flow. "The day definitely just flies by."

The 233 customers from Jan. 29 until Feb. 4 included those who had federal returns filed electronically, state returns done on paper, or simply received tax forms. The tax office did 59 federal returns — more than half of which were filed electronically — and 88 state returns. The state returns are sent on paper.

"For no charge, we're able to offer services comparable to what paid preparers would charge \$40 and up for," Capt. Martin White, chief of the tax office, said. "And we're available to all active duty servicemembers, retirees and their

spouses and dependents."

Last year the tax office assisted 3,249 active duty servicemembers and retirees with their federal and state returns.

SSgt. Charles Purcell and Sgt. Jason Gilmer are NCOs-in-charge of the office which is led by White. The other members of the tax office include Eby, SSgt. Rawn Pearcey, SSgt. Marshall Grice, Spec. Maura Ceballos and PFC Javier Velasco.

Volunteers for the tax season include Linda Sharp, retired Sgt. Maj. Wayne Douglas, Veretta Williams, and Terry Pelkey.

Active duty servicemembers must make appointments through their Unit Tax Advisers. The unit tax advisers for this tax season are:

- HHC AMCOM— SSgt. Buchanan 313-1471, SSgt. Dore 876-1296 and Sgt. Gilchrest 313-1780.
- 832nd Ordnance Battalion— Bravo Company, SSgt. Clark 842-0908; Charlie Company, 2nd Lt. Bailey 876-6697, SFC Spencer 842-0636; and Delta Company, SSgt. Braxton 842-7755.
- 95th TMDE— CWO 2 Garling 842-7085.
- Fox Army Health Center— Sgt. Frazier and Spec. Bolin 876-2653.
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Civilian personnel workers adapting to regionalization

By Dale James

Whenever LeRoy Daniels hears people rant and rave about government bureaucrats, he tries not to take it personally.

As the civilian personnel officer for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Personnel and Training Directorate, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Daniels is exactly the kind of government bureaucrat most people are referring to when they talk about who ought to be where and for how long in purgatory.

He can at least take solace in the fact he won't be alone.

Functions divided

Under the regionalization and modernization process the Army instituted last March, those personnel functions which were previously handled by a single full-service civilian personnel office are now divided between a seven-state regional Civilian Personnel Operations Center, or CPOC, and a local Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, or CPAC.

In the process, Daniels' office has become a lightning rod for confused, disgruntled and disaffected workers who grumble about why the government couldn't have just left well enough alone.

He can take the heat. It's those letters to the editor that make him want to throw open the window and holler.

"Listen, we're the good guys," Daniels insisted. "We're here to serve our customers. We're a customer service-oriented business. We're here to solve problems, not create them."

Being a realistic man, however, Daniels is resigned to the fact he might as well try and catch the wind as to try and convince some people that his office is not out to give them the runaround.

Re-learning process

The division of civilian personnel functions has proved confusing not only to the more than 10,000 government employees serviced by Daniels' office here

at Redstone, but, at times, to his staff as well.

Where do you go now if you have a question about your leave and earnings statement? Who handles questions regarding job classifications? Or VERA-VSIP packages? And what about that incentive award you were supposed to get but never received?

CPAC employee Jackie Bennett sighed, "Everyone in the Army these days is going through a re-learning process. We used to have our own DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Service) office here, and it was regionalized — twice. Now CPOC has been regionalized. I'm still trying to figure out for myself how we do business."

Holding up a thumb and forefinger to indicate an imaginary book the size of the Los Angeles telephone directory, CPAC employee Lori Reynolds added, "We've got a book this thick that explains how things are supposed to operate under this new system. But that's only worth the paper it's written on. They're still fine-tuning the system."

Under the new system, CPOC now handles questions involving recruitment and placement, systems administration, technical services and records management, common training administration and related processing, and position classification.

CPAC handles questions involving labor relations, management-employee relations, local training coordination, local staffing advice, and position management advice.

Each day Daniels and his staff field countless inquiries from people who aren't sure about which office to call for their particular problem.

Explained Daniels, "Under the regionalized environment, we moved from being a complete full-service civilian personnel office to being a civilian personnel advisory center. We are responsible for providing personnel advisory services to the commander and to managers and supervisors — as well as employees and sometimes the general

public."

The job requires juggling both the big picture and the little picture.

Under the new system, CPAC is accountable not only for helping the Acquisition Center worker file for his new health card but also for advising the commanding general on how best to implement the impending Quadrennial Defense Review-mandated cuts in the workforce.

Daniels is proud of his office's record in handling both kinds of challenges.

"Since the drawdown that began back in '89," he said, "we're proud of the fact that we haven't yet involuntarily separated any employees in our largest customer, which is AMCOM."

CPAC employees also field questions ranging from travel entitlements to programs for the handicapped to retirement to workers compensation to promotions.

"We also maintain the job information center," said Olene McGowen.

Frustrations understood

Daniels and his staff are not unsympathetic to the frustrations their customers sometimes experience in trying to resolve individual personnel issues. After all, they're government employees, too.

"Because we know how frustrating it is to constantly get referred," Reynolds said, "we try not to do that. When someone calls us, most of the time, we see that they get the answer they need even when we don't own the process."

Added Daniels, "We don't send our customers running in all different directions."

Of course, Daniels knows all too well that when people read that last statement, someone somewhere is going to fire off a

letter to the editor about how he called CPAC and he got the runaround.

Daniels and his staff don't claim to be perfect. But they do manage to satisfy the overwhelming majority of their customers in a timely and efficient fashion. Given the magnitude of changes currently taking place in how the Army does business, that's saying something.

Because most CPAC workers have designated job responsibilities, customers occasionally do have to be referred to someone else before the appropriate person to handle their problem is located.

It's all part of that fine-tuning process. To alleviate some of the confusion, CPAC actively tries to keep its customers apprised of any changes in the system.

"The importance of good communication cannot be overemphasized," Daniels said. "But sometimes we wonder if people are listening. Based upon some of the calls we get, we are at a loss as to understand where people come up with some of their ideas. And when I read some of the letters to the editor in the Rocket...."

(Editor's note: Following are the names and phone numbers of CPAC employees who handle some of the most commonly asked personnel questions.)

Retirement: Claudine Robinson 876-3902 and Orlando Boyd 313-0415.

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Military youngsters can win free trip to Space Camp

Children of active or retired military in the Redstone area will soon have their annual chance to compete for a free week at Space Camp. Applications will be available starting March 10.

This is the 14th year for the Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge awards program at Redstone Arsenal. Children residing within a 50-mile radius of the Arsenal are eligible to participate.

Each applicant must have at least a C average at their respective school, and must have that average verified by the school counselor or principal. Applicants must also submit a handwritten essay, 1-2 pages long, titled, "Why I want to go to Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge."

Space Camp is for fourth

through sixth graders; Space Academy, for seventh and eighth graders; and Aviation Challenge mach 2 for seventh through ninth graders. The camps are scheduled June 21-26 at U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

"Ten awards were presented last year to local children, and we are looking forward to presenting at least 10 this year," Virginia Dempsey, family services coordinator at Army Community Service, said. "When you consider the low numbers of essays submitted (50 last year), the children really have a good chance of winning."

"Previous award winners are not eligible for another scholarship," she added.

Sponsoring organizations include the Association of the U.S. Army, Officer and Civilian Women's

Club, the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, Sergeants Major Association, the Thrift Shop; and a new sponsor this year, the United Services Planning Association and Independent Research Agency (USPA & IRA). Mary Gustine and Debbie Barrett are the co-chairpersons.

Beginning March 10, applications will be available at Army Community Service and other places on post including Fox Army Health Center, the Post Exchange, the Commissary, and Youth Services. Applications will also be available at local schools.

Completed applications must be returned by April 13 to ACS, building 3491. For more information about the awards program call Dempsey 876-5397/2859, Gustine 461-1036 or Barrett 721-0445.



AWARDS COMMITTEE— Attending a committee meeting Feb. 4 for the Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge awards program are, from left: Margaret Raymond of OSPA & IRA; Barrett, co-chairperson; Sgt. Maj. Frank Hyatt of SMA, Maryellen Myers of Thrift Shop, Cheryl Miller of OCWC, Virginia Dempsey of ACS; Gustine, co-chairperson; and Sue Paddock, chief of ACS. Not shown are Blanche Moore of ARNCOSC, Jan Smith of AUSA, and Chuck Salvo of Thrift Shop.

Valentine's Day a time for giving sweets to your sweetheart

MAXWELL AFB— When Saint Valentine was beheaded for marrying soldiers to their sweethearts, his last thought was probably not "wow, someday lovers will give each other candy because of me."

Legend has it that the pagan fertility festival, Lupercalia, was renamed Valentine's Day in honor of Valentine, a priest in Rome at the time Christianity was a new religion. The Emperor Claudius II forbade his soldiers to marry, believing that as married men they would want to stay home with their families rather than fight his wars. Valentine defied the Emperor's decree and secretly married the couples. He was eventually arrested, imprisoned, and put to death.

Military attitudes toward marriage have lightened considerably since then. But let's face it, when you are used to leading a disciplined life, there are only a few times of the year that you allow yourself to walk down the candy aisle at the commissary. Right? Well this is one of them.

Exactly how did people start giving candy for Valentine's Day? Don't ask Larry Roush of Mars or Billy Mahanes of Nestle. "I don't have a clue," Roush says. But he does know it's one time of the year people give themselves "permission" to indulge in the candy habit. According to John Sidell, candy buyer for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), candy sales are up— 3 to 4 percent this year. And now is the time to get great deals on candy in the commissary.

If you're tired of the traditional box of chocolates and samplers for your sweetie, there are other options available. There's "love bites," and "love bears," and candy for the slightly jaded called "Love's a Jungle." Then there are "crunch hearts," for those who just can't leave the battlefield

behind. And don't forget your "turtle's gift box"? We're not talking Ninja either. "Oh yes," says Mahanes, an account manager for Nestle, "that was one of our top three new items for Valentine's Day last year!"

Valentines Day candy involves more than just sweethearts giving to sweethearts, Mahanes says. The big markets are also sharing and snacking: around the house and parent to children; and casual giving at the office, in the classroom, and so on.

For kids and grownups there are great options in relatively inexpensive bagged candy, says Roush, military sales and marketing manager for Mars Inc. Many of the fun size candies have a Valentine theme packaging — you can actually write "to" and "from" on the individual packages. Those are great for children and for giving out at the office.

Oddly enough says Roush, Valentine's Day is not even close to being the major candy season. The biggest is "back to school"/Halloween season at 32 percent of the market, then there is Christmas at 27 percent, Easter at 25 percent and Valentine's day at 16 percent. The main problem is the length of the time people think about buying candy for holidays. "Those top seasons are about six weeks in length," Roush says. "Most people don't start thinking about Valentine's Day until the first of February."

Better take a look at your calendar. It's that time of year. (Release from Defense Commissary Agency, Eastern Region-Southern Area at Maxwell Air Force Base.)

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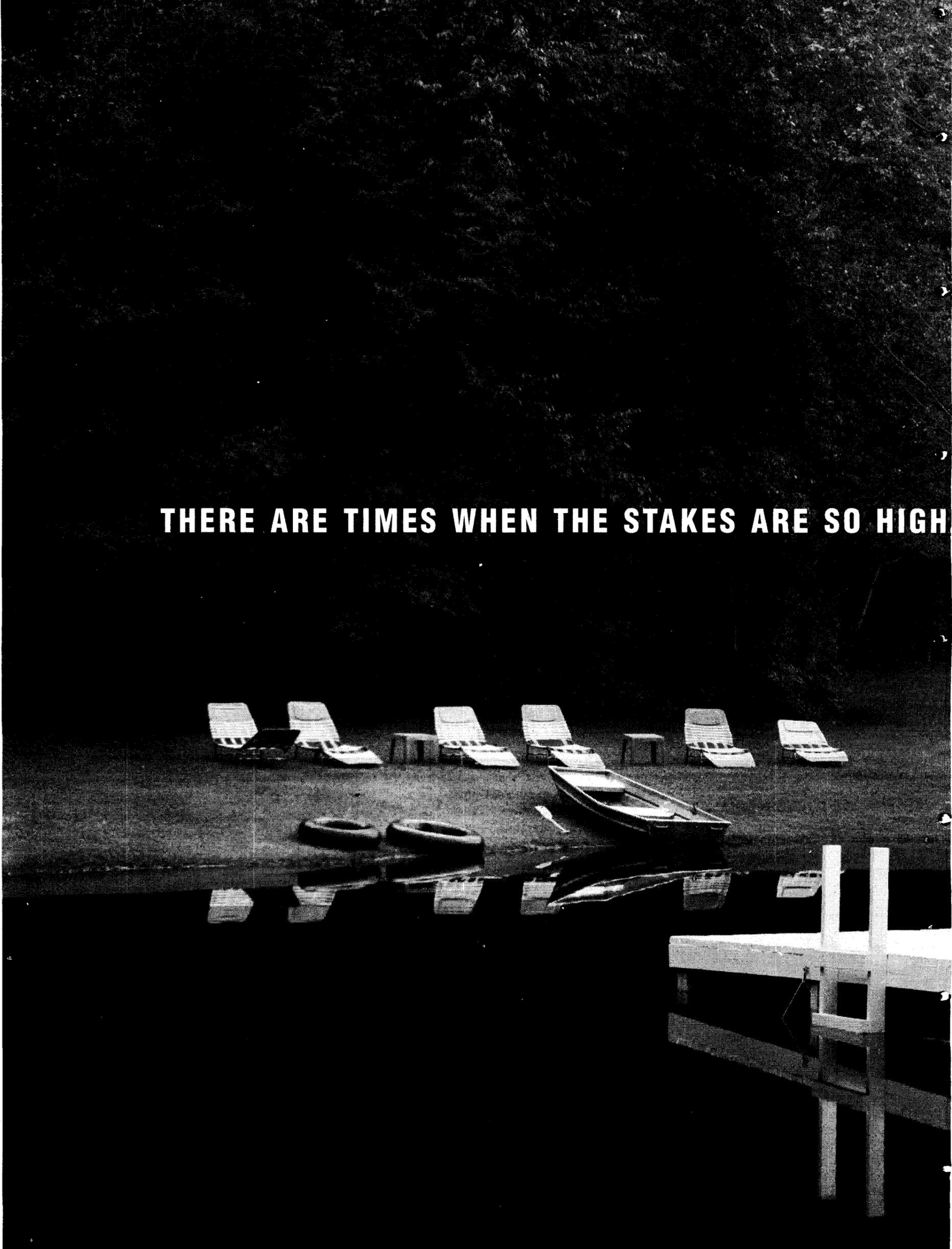
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Weekend commuter bus service to St. Louis planned

By Meloney Jones

Dennis Earley commutes from Huntsville to St. Louis every other weekend to spend time with his wife, family and friends. Earley, a former ATCOM employee, moved from St. Louis to Huntsville last year.

"My wife is still living in St. Louis and maintaining our house there," Earley, an aerospace engineer with Aviation RDEC, said. "We have not made a decision yet if she will move to Huntsville. We plan to make that decision later this year."

Some Redstone employees commute on the weekend from Huntsville to St. Louis to spend time with their families and friends. And that's why Earley, and some of his co-workers, originated the idea of a commuter bus service from Huntsville to St. Louis. "On any given weekend you see cars going north and south on the interstate highway between St. Louis and Huntsville, with Alabama and Missouri tags," he said.

So, while back in St. Louis, Earley developed a survey to see how many people would be interested in having a commuter service from Huntsville to St. Louis. Some 138 people participated in the survey to help establish and formulate some of the ground rules for the service. The purpose of the commuter service is to provide economical shuttle service between Huntsville and St. Louis for regular commuters. Family members and occasional riders can ride the bus provided space is available; priority is

for regular commuters. Earley has contracted with Capital Trailways, a local charter bus company, to provide the service. The bus can comfortably accommodate 47 passengers.

Commuter service is scheduled to start March 5 and go through June 11. Future trips depend on commuter interest and demand. The commuter service will be every other Thursday to Sunday, varying on occasion for holidays. The service eventually could become weekly if it is successful and there is enough demand. The cost of the Thursday to Sunday commute is \$55 round-trip. Holiday weekend may be slightly higher due to additional expenses incurred for the bus and driver.

The bus will depart from Huntsville at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday (departure place to be determined). Departure time may be altered slightly dependent on alternate work schedule rules.

The bus will make one stop en route to St. Louis for smokers and for those who want to grab a quick snack. Commuters may bring snacks on the bus. The bus is equipped with a bathroom.

The dropoff points include: in Illinois I-64 and Fairview Heights (Ramada Inn), and in St. Louis I-270 and Dorsett Road (Best Western Joe Hanon's Restaurant).

The bus will return from St. Louis on Sunday. The first pickup point will be at 3 p.m. North County (Lindbergh and I-70), at 3:30 p.m. West County Shopping Center, and at 4-4:15 p.m. St. Clair Square area in



READY TO ROLL— Commuter service is scheduled to start March 5 and go through June 11.

Illinois. There is no pickup point from South County on the return trip. The commute is expected to be 7-8 hours.

To reserve a seat, riders are required to pay in advance with cash or check on a first-come, first-serve basis. The bus trip may be canceled two and a half weeks before departure, if adequate reservations and payments are not made. In case of cancellation, commuters will be notified and refunded their money; or the commuter can choose to use the money for a future trip. Once the commuter has reserved and paid for a seat, it is their responsibility to resell

the seat if they decide they cannot travel. Earley said he would provide each commuter with a list of the names and telephone numbers of all interested stand-bys, but he cannot make any guarantees or be responsible for reselling the seat.

"The success of the commuter bus is dependent on the commuters. As long as everyone is a little flexible, it will work and save wear-and-tear on all the commuters," Earley said.

For more information, call Dennis Earley or Dan Sabo 464-5707.

Rep. Cramer appointed to military panel in House for 1998

WASHINGTON— U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer has been chosen for a coveted seat on the congressional panel that provides money for military construction.

Cramer pledged to fight for Redstone Arsenal's needs and issues as the newest member of the military panel, which is part of the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

The north Alabama congressman was appointed by fellow members of the House of Representatives as Congress opened its 1998 session.

"I am extremely happy with this," Cramer, an Army veteran, said. "This panel has a tremendous impact on our defense community. I'm proud to be able to represent our community on

the panel, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve."

The military construction panel is in charge of funds for buildings that serve the armed forces, Reserve forces, and most other DoD agencies. The

13-member panel is also in charge of funds for the military base closing process and military family housing.

Cramer said the military panel can provide help for new and updated buildings at Redstone.

"We're in the process of assessing the needs and long-term goals of Redstone construction," Cramer said. "We've got housing needs and other issues that we've got to address. We've also got to look at the impact of another round of base clos-

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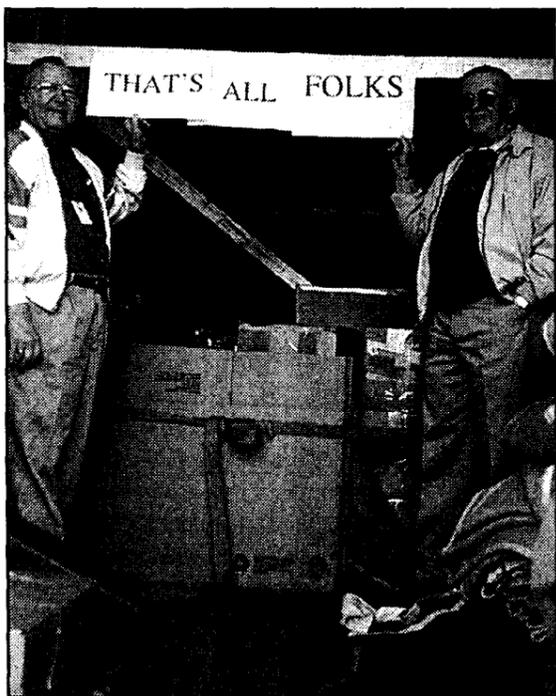
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SMDC's first Army's space conference draws more than 200 attendees here

The first Army Space Conference, held by the Space and Missile Command, took place Jan. 27-28 at the Sparkman Auditorium.

More than 200 people attended the conference, which featured the command's latest technological efforts through guest speakers and space and missile defense exhibit modules on display at the entrance to the conference. Key representatives from other Army branches and the Department of Defense participated in briefings and question-and-answer sessions during the conference.

"We need to continue more and more the incorporation of space capabilities — and their denial under certain circumstances of warfare — in our training, doctrine and exercises," said keynote speaker Gil Klinger, deputy Under Sec-

retary of Defense for Space. "From the squad leader up, Army leaders, at the enlisted and officer ranks, must begin to change their focus from not only looking at the next rise where the enemy is, but up, to see where the next pass of a friendly or adversary satellite will be."

Klinger clarified a misconception about the direction space technology is headed and how the space program acknowledges that the Army is a key player. He also spoke of how the military community needs to work together.

"We spend way too much time arguing over who ought to be doing things instead of what we want to do in space and how we want to do it," he said. "If we answer those two questions, the 'who' becomes derivative."

"We all have to stop behaving, in the space busi-

ness in the Department of Defense, as though we're playing a game governed by one rule, 'he who dies with the most toys, wins,'" Klinger said. "The Army needs to extend its warfighting doctrine and include, from the ground up, space capabilities into the operational art of war."

Addressing key members and employees of the SMDC command in Huntsville after the conference, Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III, SMDC commander, stressed the importance of marketing SMDC's role in the Army and in future conferences.

"We, in our own minds, know we're an important organization, But we have to

get other people to think we're important, too," Anderson said.

He also spoke on how the Army must be prepared for the battlefield of tomorrow.

"If we're not equipped to fight in two conflicts simultaneously, we're putting the safety of our nation in jeopardy," he said. "Since the Army hasn't really recognized how important space is, or will be, our message has to reach those corps-level commanders and below. They are the ones who will need access to space and missile defense technologies to help them fight and win on tomorrow's battlefield."

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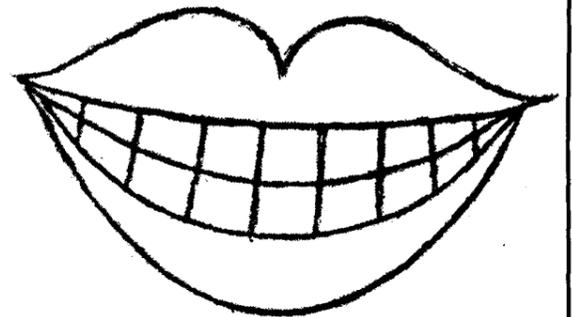
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- **International wine tasting**— Purchase your tickets early and join the Officers Club for its annual International Wine Tasting featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres with entertainment in the lounge Feb. 27. There will be a limited amount of tickets sold for \$5 per person. Admission will be in the ballroom by ticket only. Tickets are \$6 at the door. For more information, call 830-2582.
- **Valentine's Day special bingo**— The Redstone Arsenal Challenger invites you to attend a Valentine's Day Special Bingo on Feb. 14 at 6:45 p.m. at the Challenger. There will be a special drawing to determine who will be Mr. and Mrs. Valen-

...tine's. For more information, call 837-0750/0751.

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VIOLENCE

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dropped to 25 percent to 35 percent.

Still, having a security clearance does not exempt anyone from experiencing the kinds of personal problems that are a normal part of life.

Said Reiss, "With the added stress of moving that the aviation people who came here from St. Louis experienced, I'm seeing a lot of marital problems at present."

Ruby Turner-Blake, director of the Alcohol and Drug Control Office, noted that her office has reported an overall increase in

the number of cases relating to family issues in recent weeks.

She also said that while most referrals still come from doctors and supervisors, the number of self-referrals is increasing.

"The person who's come through here and feels like they've been helped will often refer a friend or colleague," Turner-Blake said. "And we welcome that."

(Editor's note: For anyone wishing to attend a workshop on preventing violence in the workplace or to schedule a personal counseling session, the Alcohol and Drug Control Office can be reached at 876-2990. Ed Fahey can be reached at 842-9896. Marshall Reiss can be reached at 955-0748.)

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February is National Children's Dental Health Month. The Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic Command notes that children's teeth are meant to last a lifetime. The American Dental Association has these tips for keeping your child's teeth healthy and decay-free.

Tooth decay is caused by bacteria. The bacteria is found in a sticky, colorless film called plaque. For tooth decay to occur, three elements are needed: plaque, food containing sugars and starches, and a susceptible tooth. When foods containing sugars and starches are left in the mouth, plaque bacteria produce acids that can dissolve tooth enamel. The sticky plaque holds these acids onto the teeth, where they attack the enamel for 20 minutes or more. After repeated attacks, the enamel may break down, forming a cavity.

According to the American Dental Society, to prevent tooth decay, toothbrushing and flossing are needed daily to remove harmful plaque from your child's teeth. Children should clean their teeth twice a day with a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. The ADA adds that flossing will remove plaque that hides between teeth and under the gumline, areas where a toothbrush can't reach. Supervising your child while brushing and flossing will ensure that a proper job is done.

The ADA notes that dental sealants can help prevent or reduce tooth decay on children. A sealant is a clear or shaded plastic material that is applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth (premolars and

molars), where decay occurs most often. The sealant acts as a barrier, protecting the decay-prone areas of the back teeth from plaque and acid.

The ADA says that each tooth takes only a few minutes to seal in the dental office. When the sealant is applied, finger-like strands penetrate the pits and fissures of the tooth enamel. Although the sealant cannot be seen with the naked eye, the protective effect of these strands continues. As a result, it may be several years before another application of sealant is needed. Reapplication of the sealant will continue to protect against decay and may save the time and expense of restoring a decayed tooth. Sealants are checked during your child's regular dental visits to determine if reapplication is necessary.

For long-lasting, healthy smiles, the ADA recommends a total prevention program including regular dental visits, the use of fluoride toothpaste, daily brushing and flossing, and avoiding frequent between-meal snacks. If these measures are followed and sealants are applied to the child's teeth, the risk of decay can be reduced or may even be eliminated.

The family member dental plan contracted by United Concordia covers sealants by a participating dentist at 80 percent. Since certain limitations do apply for age and application, consult your Evidence of Coverage booklet for more details or call 1-800-866-8499. (Release from Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic Command)

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Black History Month focus of weekly quiz

You can test your knowledge of African-American history each week in February during Black History Month.

The *Rocket* will publish a weekly list of questions provided by Nathaniel Johnson, chairman of the third annual festival of African-American music, art, fashions and portrayal. The festival is scheduled 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 26 in the Sparkman Auditorium.

Here are answers to last week's questions:

- Name the first licensed African-American woman pilot?... Bessie Coleman (1893-1926)
- Name the "Railroad Conductor" who was wanted by the U.S. for \$40,000?... Harriet Tubman
- Who is Ferdinand Joseph La Menthe?... Jelly Roll Morton, an innovative pianist, composer, arranger and vocalist
- Name the inventor of the traffic light and the gas mask?... Garrett A. Morgan (1875-1963)
- Who is "the father of the blues"... W.C. Handy (1873-1958)

Here are this week's questions:

- Who was the first female American runner to win three gold medals in the Olympics?
 - Who was the first black player to pitch in a World Series?
 - Name the first female black judge in America.
 - Name the first black graduate of West Point.
 - Who were the Black Seminole Indians?
- The answers should appear in next week's *Rocket*.

Form W-2s should arrive soon for civilian workers

Defense civilian employees should have received or will soon get their W-2 tax information.

The form W-2s were mailed to civilian employees by the printing contractor Jan. 29-30. Employees who have any questions or problems related to their W-2 should call their customer service representative: Carolyn Hames 842-8499, Lynn Edgemon 842-0711, Gwendolyn Wisdom 876-6822, Resha Andrews 876-1254, Betty Showers 876-7028, Barbara Elliott 876-6889 or Dana Wilbanks 876-7659.

"Employees should allow for normal mailing time before reporting non-receipt of their form W-2," a prepared release from Defense Finance and Accounting Service said. "Employees who have moved and provided a forwarding address to the U.S. Postal Service will have their W-2s forwarded to that address. Time for forward-

ing by the U.S. Postal Service should be taken into consideration before requesting a reissue. If the W-2 is ultimately not received or is in error, the customer service representative will contact the employee's payroll office to issue a replacement or corrected W-2 as needed. Reissues will not be made before Feb. 9.

"Employees who changed payroll offices during 1997 will receive a W-2 from each servicing payroll office. This includes all employees whose payroll accounts were converted to the Defense Civilian Pay System during 1997. Employees who changed payroll offices within the Department of Defense during 1997 should receive at

least two W-2s in a single envelope," the DFAS release said.

Those who transferred from St. Louis to Redstone are to additionally receive PCS (permanent change of station) W-2s. About 1,800 forms were mailed Jan. 30 by DFAS, Operating Location- St. Louis, which subsequently reported a problem. "Unfortunately, the program we used did not compute approximately 200 (PCS) W-2's correctly," Operating Location- St. Louis said in a prepared message. "Our staff has been working very quickly to notify the 200 people that have a W-2 problem. We plan to have corrected W-2s mailed out by Feb. 13. Again, we are contacting each individual and notify-

ing them of this error."

For more information on PCS W-2s, call Glenine Childs of Operating Location- St. Louis at (314) 260-2965 or DSN 490-2965.

In other finance business, the Resource Management Directorate provided the following update on open season for Federal Employee Health Benefits: "The Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Denver Center has received 100,000-plus FEHB forms and is working diligently to sort and re-mail them to the carriers. If an employee has changed carriers and the new carrier does not yet have a copy of the employee's enrollment form, have the employee contact (his or her personnel office) and fax a copy to the carrier."

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Gardening proves to be fruitful hobby for general engineer at AMCOM

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

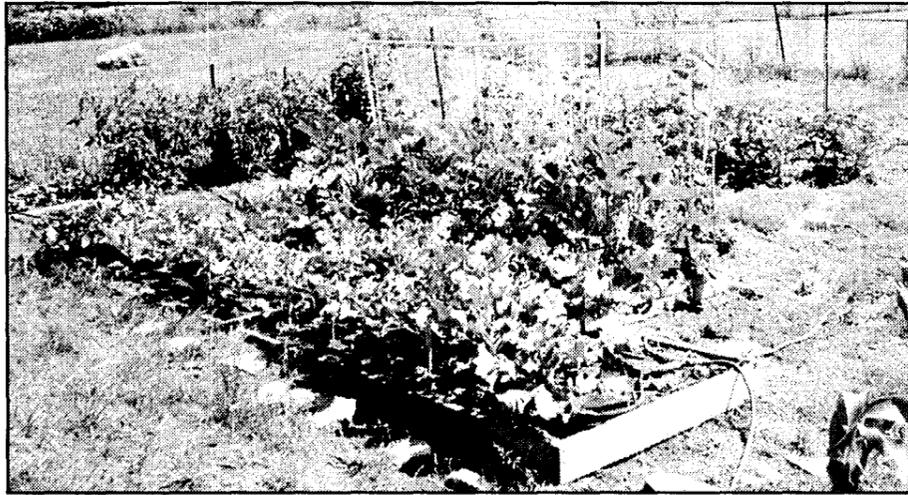
Gardening is a hobby that enriches off-duty hours for John Reinhardt, general engineer in the manufacturing technology division for the Command's RDECs. His hobby, vegetable and flower gardening, offers him meaningful employment, pleasure, self-realization and a certain relief from everyday stress.

"Working in the garden, which can be done by people of all skill levels, is a pastime that allows people to focus on their strengths and abilities," Reinhardt said. "Everyone, from those who are the picture of health to those with varying degrees of a disability or illness, can benefit from the therapy of gardening."

When Reinhardt was a teen-ager, he helped till the soil on his uncle's one-acre farm in Kentucky. His uncle grew vegetables, ornamental flowers, blackberries and grapes. It wasn't until 20 years later, when Reinhardt was living in South Carolina, that he started his own gardening. He planted tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. He broadened his gardening from only vegetables to include flowers after moving to Huntsville in 1981. He said it made his garden look a little better.

While his hobby may seem overwhelming to some at first, he finds gardening to be a nice outlet. "It clears my mind. I know that may sound silly, but it's a very relaxing thing," Reinhardt said. "It's something you can do in the evenings after work and on weekends."

If a person finds ground level gardening difficult, Reinhardt suggests raised beds or container gardening. And if one doesn't have the time, energy or physical strength to plant a big vegetable or flower garden, he suggests that the garden be adapted to meet



PLENTIFUL GARDEN— Reinhardt's garden produces many crops. He finds good sources of seeds through seed catalogs or from local garden stores.

changing needs. Reinhardt did that when he moved from the city to the county a few years ago. He went from a 43,560-square-foot garden to one only 1,200 square feet.

Reinhardt knows a small vegetable garden can present a gardener with problems due to sensitivity to growing conditions: soil, weather and water.

"You need to start with good soil with good texture and good nutrients," he said. "In a few cases, the gardener is at the mercy of weather conditions and may undergo some failures that are unavoidable."

Another problem gardeners can expect to have is that of insects, i.e., worms (larva), beetles, etc. To abate this problem, Reinhardt bought some gardening books.

He discovered in his readings that the American Indians hung gourds in their gardens to attract purple

martins to their villages. The Indians found if they cut holes in the gourds, cleaned them out and hung them in trees or on poles around their gardens, birds would use them as a nesting site and the insect population would decline.

To encourage martins in his own backyard, Reinhardt puts his birdhouses and gourds outside every February or March. He found aluminum had the advantage of being lightweight, reflective and easy to clean. Also, since aluminum units are expandable, vertically, Reinhardt enlarged his martin house to hold 12 families.

"Operating a purple martin colony is very pleasant," he said. "There are few things more soothing or relaxing than sitting out on the back deck in the evening and watching the superb acrobatics of these delightful birds. They have a way of making a late evening

breeze a thing of magic."

Once the planting season is over, Reinhardt's family blanches or cans to preserve the vegetables.

"Remember, gardeners don't ask for a lot in this world," Reinhardt said. "Just a little more rain, a little more sunshine, more evenings and weekends to work in the garden, more daylight hours in a day and just a little bit more land to garden in."

Follow-on Bosnia Force options are pending

By Linda D. Kozaryn

BRUSSELS— How many troops will remain in Bosnia after the stabilization force mission ends in June? Will the number drop substantially or remain the same? Will the mission remain the same?

These are some of the questions NATO military authorities are working to answer. They're slated to present an options paper to the North Atlantic Council, NATO's decision-making body, at the end of January, a senior NATO official here said Jan. 23.

In December, President Clinton announced U.S. troops will participate in a follow-on force, pending approval of the NATO plan. He said all NATO allies must agree to the mission's objectives, size and duration, and hinged U.S. participation on such key criteria as the plan being achievable and tied to concrete milestones.

Once the military committee outlines the options, North Atlantic Council members will discuss the choices and consult with troop-contributing countries in the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council, the NATO official said.

NATO aims to pick an option in February, obtain a U.N. Security Council resolution, and have all the plan details worked out in March to permit a smooth transition from the stabilization force to the as yet unnamed successor, the official said. (American Forces Press Service)

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that is a BMDO decision," James said of the final selection. "BMDO asked us to do the site survey for them. Our report will simply be a recommendation and evaluation."

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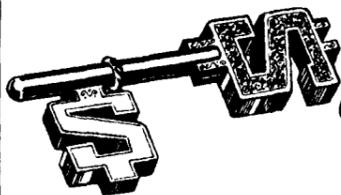
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Jasper Burgess, configuration management and test specialist in Sentinel Product Office, said the training systems have received high marks from the schools. "They think it's an excellent training system," he said.

Fieldings to tactical units are scheduled through the turn of the century. The Sentinel radar was first fielded last summer to the 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. In early March the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood is to become the second tactical recipient.

Originally the plan was to field radars to 12 active Army units and 10 National Guard units through 2003. The Army subsequently decided to field to more National Guard units including 11 National Guard Avenger battalions plus 17 separate brigades. Each of these National Guard brigades will receive two radars. "Deliveries now are scheduled out through 2006,"

McKaig said.

"I think it's the right thing to do," he said of the increased deliveries. "I feel real good about it."

For gaining units, the arrival of Sentinel means "their warfighting capability has just increased greatly," McKaig said.

Sentinel consists of two major components: the antenna transceiver group and the Humvee group. The radar detects airborne targets and reports their position and velocity to command and control centers and the weapons.

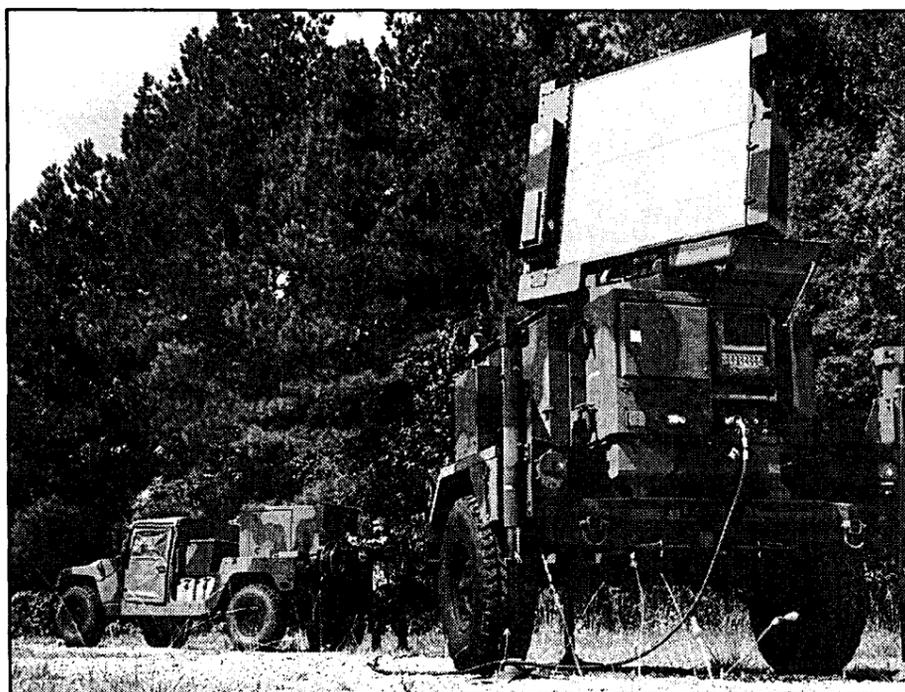
It costs about \$2.5 million per radar. Contractors include Raytheon Systems Company (formerly Hughes Aircraft), which builds the radar; and Allied Signal of Baltimore, Md., which makes a major component called the interrogator. The Humvee group modifications are done by Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

Sentinel replaces the Forward Area Alerting Radar (FAAR) which was retired in the early 1990s. Its advantages over FAAR include "greater range, greater reliability"

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CONGRATULATIONS— Participants in a Jan. 20 ceremony at Fort Bliss for the Sentinel Training System include, from left, Maj. Gen. David Gust, program executive officer for intelligence, electronic warfare and sensors; Col. Allen McDavid, commandant of the Army Air Defense Artillery School at Fort Bliss; Maj. Gen. Jack Costello, commander of the Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss; Lt. Col. Jim Oman, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery; and Philip LePore, senior vice president of Raytheon Systems Company.



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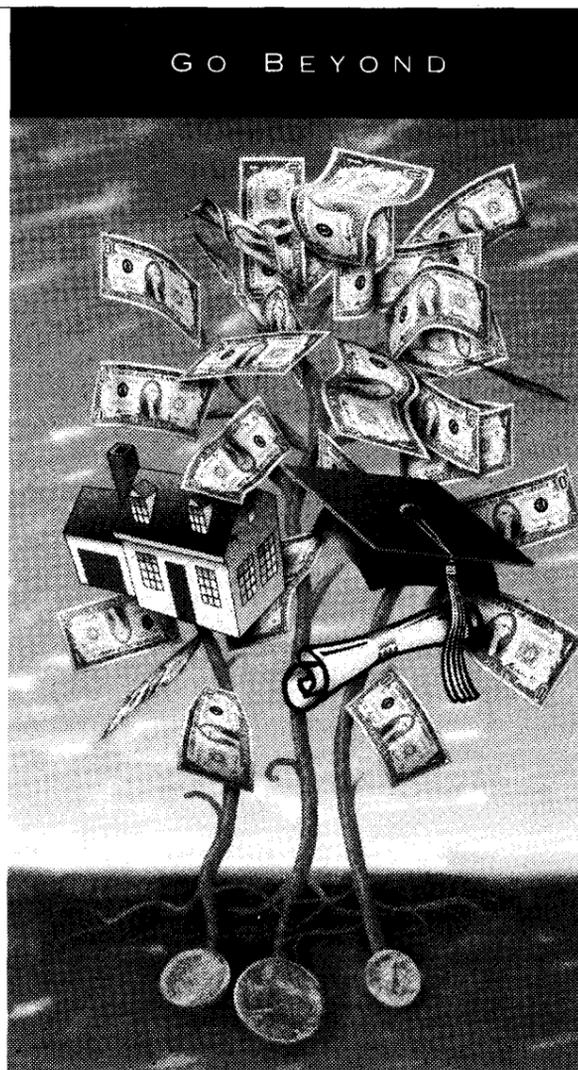
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Solana: NATO won't overtax new members of alliance

By Linda D. Kozaryn

BRUSSELS— While NATO expects new members to meet basic membership requirements, alliance officials do not want to overtax the three new member nations, Secretary General Javier Solana said Jan. 22.

NATO's main goal is for new members' military forces to be able to operate with the NATO allies, Solana said. "We need communication systems that can communicate. We need to be able to send reinforcements in times of crises, and we need our soldiers to speak the same language."

Addressing both houses of the Polish parliament in Warsaw, Solana said NATO is not unreasonable and does not expect change overnight. The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and other future members will have the time they need to meet NATO requirements. "No one wants our new members to put their economic reforms at risk by overspending on defense," he said.

NATO does not expect new members to spend big bucks on high-tech equipment, for example. At the moment, Solana said, "no threat forces us to spend excessive sums on our common defense."

Poland's 15-year force modernization plan is a step in the right direction, he said. The program involves financial burdens for the relatively new democracy, but it also means Poland will become "a contributor

to common security, not just a consumer."

New members will have to make serious military contributions, Solana said. Along with focusing on communications capabilities, new members also need to develop more trained and capable non-commissioned officers and a balanced and streamlined force structure. Being able to fulfill Article V, NATO's mutual defense pledge, is the heart of NATO, he said.

"Once Poland joins NATO as a full member, the other allies commit themselves to the defense of Poland's security and territorial integrity," Solana told Polish government officials. "This is the strongest, most solemn commitment any nation can make to another." New members must understand this commitment and be willing and able to return it. "In order to receive, one must also give — this is what NATO is all about."

Solana noted that when new members show they are capable of contributing militarily, it will impact on the ratification process under way in the 16 member nations. "It proves that, by enlarging the alliance, we are not compromising its military effectiveness," he said.

In the months ahead, NATO officials will involve the new members' representatives in alliance activities to the greatest extent possible, Solana said. They will receive regular briefings and invitations to attend various committee and

North Atlantic Council meetings.

Solana's visit to Poland was "highly successful and highly appreciated," a NATO official told reporters here. The official said Solana concluded Poland is clearly well on track to be fully ready for NATO membership by the spring 1999.

Poland's government is keeping up a strong effort in terms of resources, military reform, interaction with NATO and participation in NATO committees to be ready for membership, the NATO official said.

Solana's message complimented the Poles, but counseled there is no room for complacency — they should keep up the good work, the NATO official reported. Solana plans similar visits to the Czech Republic and Hungary in the next few months, he said.

The Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland took the first step to membership in July when NATO invited them to join at a Madrid summit. The invitees and the 16 NATO members signed protocols of accession in December at NATO headquarters here. The next step is for each member nation's government to ratify the new members. NATO officials hope to welcome the three as full members by NATO's 50th anniversary in 1999. (American Forces Press Service)

SFOR arrests Bosnian Serb war criminal in Jan. 22 raid

By Linda D. Kozaryn

BRUSSELS— NATO-led stabilization force troops in Bosnia arrested an indicted Bosnian Serb war criminal during an early morning Jan. 22 raid.

The force, led by U.S. troops, captured Goran Jelusic after he was identified on the streets of Bijelina, NATO officials here said. President Clinton approved the operation, White House officials said.

No one was injured during the raid, the third in the past six months, said Canadian Navy Lt. Cdr. Louis Garneau, an SFOR spokesman in Sarajevo. An Air Force C-130 transported Jelusic to The Hague, Netherlands, where the war crimes tribunal meets. Jelusic is one of seven Serbs charged with genocide and crimes against humanity.

The arrest should serve as a warning to other war criminals, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. "[The detention] sends the clear message that indicted war criminals will be apprehended," he said.

Jelusic, 29, was indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia on charges of genocide, crimes against humanity, violations of the laws or customs of war and grave breaches of the 1949 Geneva Convention, NATO officials said. He is accused of more than 20 murders, torture, theft and plunder and for ordering the murder of many others.

As commander of a prison camp in Brcko, Jelusic called himself the "Serb Adolf [Hitler]," said Alex Ivanko, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo. Jelusic allegedly systematically killed Muslim detainees, "intending to destroy a substantial or significant part of the Bosnian Muslim people as a national, ethnical and religious group," Ivanko said.

Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Mike Doubleday said Jelusic challenged interna-

tional officials to catch him. "He said he had a pistol and the first eight bullets would be for SFOR troops and the last one for himself," Doubleday said.

In a statement released at NATO headquarters, Secretary General Javier Solana praised SFOR troops and commanders "for their professionalism and dedication in carrying out this action, which will contribute to the continued consolidation of the peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina."

"We will not tolerate any behavior by any party contrary to the peace agreement," Solana said. He said war criminals will be held accountable.

The stabilization force's mandate authorizes it to detain indicted war criminals encountered during the course of its duties, Solana said. At the same time, he added, NATO continues to insist the parties to the peace agreement are responsible for turning over indicted war criminals. He called for the indicted to turn themselves in.

Along with detaining and transporting indicted war criminals, NATO-led forces provide security, liaison and logistical support to tribunal teams doing investigations and identifying and exhuming mass grave sites, NATO officials said.

In December, stabilization force troops arrested two indicted Bosnian Croat war criminals, Vlatko Kupreskie and Anto Furudzija. Detained by Dutch members of the NATO stabilization force, Kupreskie opened fire on the allied troops and was wounded in the exchange. No NATO forces were wounded.

In July, the stabilization force arrested two Bosnian Serbs in Prijedor. Milan Kovacevic was transferred to The Hague, while Simo Drljaca died after stabilization forces fired in self-defense, NATO officials said. (American Forces Press Service)

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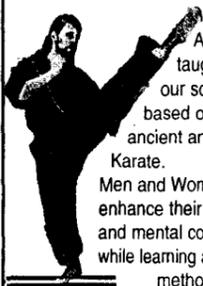
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bility, better maintainability, and it's more survivable," according to McKaig.

The development effort began with source selection in December 1991. The radar was formerly called Ground Based Sensor until it became Sentinel in October 1996.

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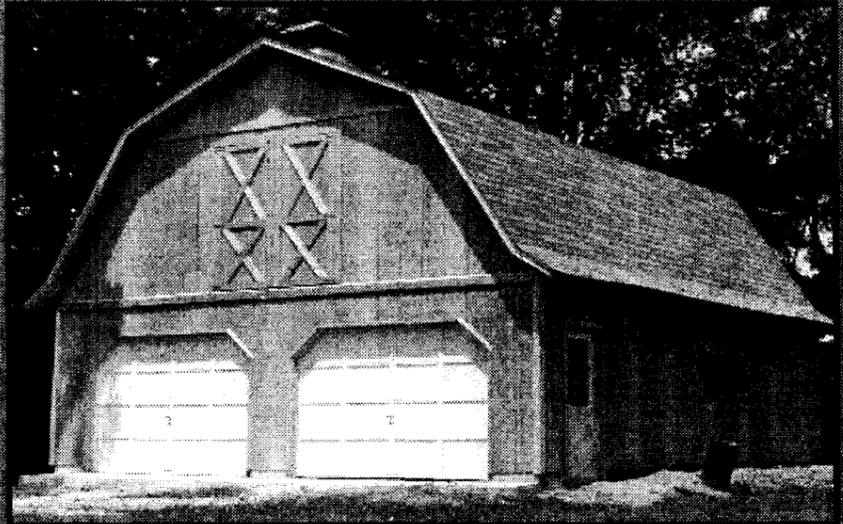
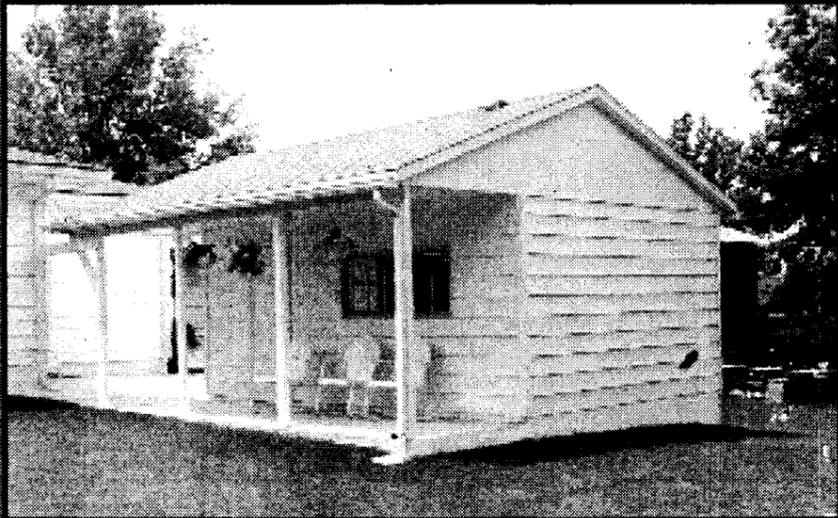
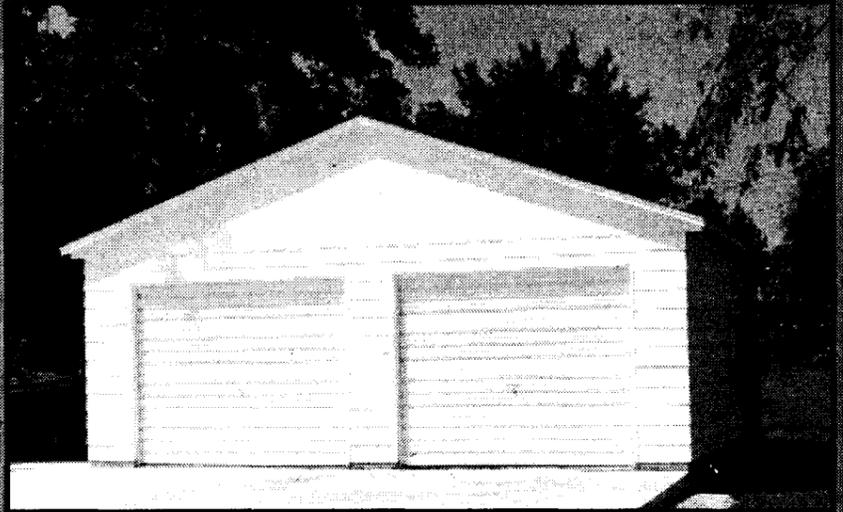
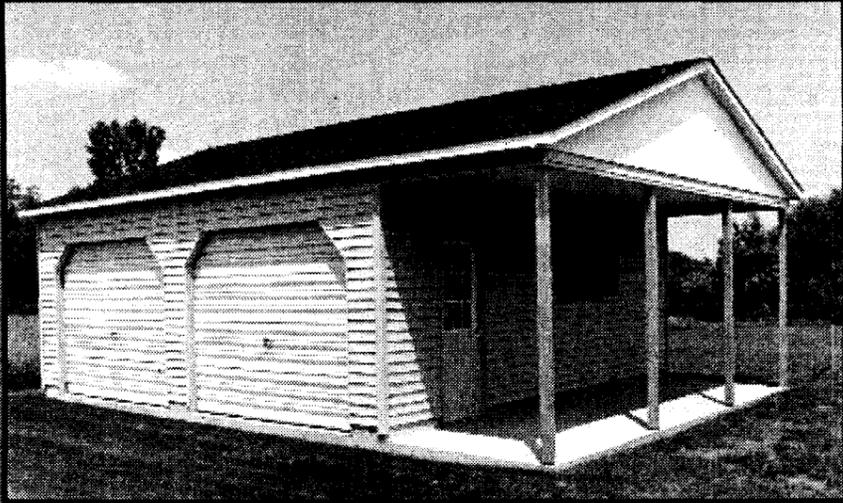
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Officer/civilian women— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting requests from organizations seeking financial assistance. Written requests should outline the group's programs, reasons for requesting help, how funds will be used, and whether other groups or organizations have been solicited for the same donations. Mail requests to RSA OCWC Welfare Chairman, P.O. Box 8110, Redstone Arsenal 35808. Requests must be postmarked by March 1. The awards will be presented in early May.

CFC agencies— The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will accept applications through March 6 for a Principle Combined Fund Organization to administer the 1998 CFC. All applications must be received by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, AMSAM-CFC, Redstone Arsenal 35898-5795 or hand-delivered to building 3197 by 4 p.m. March 6.

Red Cross blood drive— The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Friday from noon-6 at Dublin Memorial Park in Madison. A Valentine T-shirt will be given to each donor. For more information, call the Madison Recreation Department 772-9300.

Fox center hours— Fox

Army Health Center will be on holiday hours Feb. 13 and Feb. 16. Triage advice nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 955-8888. The Urgent and Evening Clinic will be open. All other clinics and pharmacy will be closed.

Boating safety class— Redstone Flotilla 2406, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer the boating safety class Thursdays (Feb. 12, Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 12, March 19 and March 26) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at building 3305, Zeus Drive, room 215. There is no charge for this course; however, there is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of the class manual and student study guides that are provided to students. For more information and class registration, call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 (work) or 830-6621 (home).

Federal retirees— The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. For the program, a representative of the Huntsville Police Department will discuss how citizens complaints toward the police are handled by its Internal Affairs Division. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.; program at 10. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

Red Cross blood program— Here's the Red

Cross blood schedule for February: Feb. 12— building 5304 (Sparkman Center), 7 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Kathy Buford 842-6289 or Billie Perkins 955-0080. Feb. 13— building 5681, from 7-noon, Susan Zimmerman 313-4165; building 4488, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mallory Murray 842-7602 or Fran King 842-7399. Feb. 20— building 4752 (NASA), 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Francee Logston 544-7534. Feb. 27— SMDC, room 1C400 (Wynn Drive), 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-5901; Corps of Engineers, 7-noon, Linda Merschman 895-1580.

Resource managers— The American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Trinity Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Dr. James A. Walker, historian with the Space and Missile Defense Command. Cost is \$8 for members, and \$9 for non-members. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590 or Bill Richardson 842-6943.

Warrant officer recruiting— Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command will sponsor a recruiting team visit to Redstone Arsenal on Feb. 23-24. Briefings are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23, and at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 24 in building 3301, room 213 (auditorium). The team will conduct briefings to solicit soldiers to

apply for the Warrant Officer Program. Each briefing will inform soldiers about the career fields available, including the Warrant Officer Flight Program. "We encourage all interested soldiers, regardless of MOS (military occupational specialty) and rank, to attend one of the scheduled briefings," a prepared release said. "We also encourage commanders and senior personnel to attend to keep abreast of the ever changing Warrant Officer Program." Soldiers can receive information on the Warrant Officer Program from Jean Manley, at MILPO, 876-3148; CWO 3 Samuelson 876-6618 or St. Germain 842-6842; or on the internet at: www.goarmy.com/warrant/warrant.htm.

AFTB workshop— Army Family Team Building will hold another workshop Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. until noon in building 3447 on Zeus Road. To reserve seating and for more information, call 876-0446. AFTB is an Army-wide program in which families learn from each other about Army life and preparing for deployments. This free program is open to the total Army including military, reservists, civilians and family members.

Rummage sale— First Christian Church's High School Youth is holding its annual Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 6 and from 8-noon March 7 at

First Christian Church McMains Hall, 3406 Whitesburg Drive, just south of Drake Avenue. This church-wide sale is held the first weekend of March each year. Proceeds sponsor youth trips. Also, back by popular demand is the "Bag Sale." Paper grocery bags are handed out at 11 a.m. sharp March 7. Fit as many clothing items as possible inside the paper sacks for \$1 per sack. For more information call Anita Wood 883-8059.

Transition workshop— The Military Personnel Office is sponsoring a three-day Transition Assistance Workshop, Feb. 24-26 in building 3222, room 10. The workshop is mandatory for all military personnel leaving the service within the next 180 days unless they have attended a previous workshop. These workshops are available to all branches of service including National Guard and Reserves. DoD civilians, military retirees, veterans and spouses of all are also encouraged to attend. Seating is limited so you must register to attend. To register call Marie Adams 842-0870.

Medical laboratory— Hours of operation for the LAB, Fox Army Health Center will change effective Feb. 17. The lab will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. Monday through Fri-

day. **Prayer breakfast**— The monthly Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the IMMC will be held Feb. 24 at 7 a.m. in building 5309, room 9128 (conference room east of the Sparkman Center Food Court). Scheduled speaker is Jim Flinn, IMMC director.

Defense industrial group— The National Defense Industrial Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter dinner meeting scheduled for Feb. 10 has been changed to Feb. 17 at the Officers Club. William C. Loomis, president and CEO of the United Missile Defense Company, is to speak on "The Industrial Perspective of National Missile Defense." Social starts at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following at 7. Cost is \$20 per person. For reservations call Jodi Weiner 837-5953.

Resume workshop— A resume is the employer's first impression of you. Learn to put your best foot forward in a resume workshop from 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 19 at building 3491 on Honest John Road. This workshop will help you tailor your resume to highlight your skills and abilities that are important to the private sector employer. If you would like to attend or have questions, call Debra Jefferson 876-0446. Sponsored by Army Community Service.

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Announcements

Hunter safety course— to have an Alabama Hunter Safety Certificate or card in order to purchase a hunting license in the state of Alabama. Redstone Arsenal's Outdoor Recreation Branch is offering the Alabama Hunter Safety Course. Both youth and adults may attend this class; however, youths must be 10 years old by Nov. 14, 1998. The course provides 24 hours of instruction, a 100 question test (70 percent to pass), and live range firing for youth. The class dates are Feb. 28 and March 21 at the Recreation Center, building 3711, and March 14 at Outdoor Recreation, building 5132. All classes are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and all three sessions must be attended to have the opportunity to pass the course. For more information and to register for the course, call Bill Kerlin at Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/1373.

Science alliance— The Junior League of Huntsville and the North Alabama Science Center will present Science Alliance—an event for children of all ages featuring interactive exhibits and creative programs to promote hands-on-learning — from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 16 at Willowbrook Vil-

lage on Bailey Cove Road across from Grissom High School. Admission is free. For more information, call 533-3554.

Engineers Week banquet— The annual National Engineers Week Awards Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Huntsville Marriott. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Frank Franz, president of UAH. Tickets cost \$20 per person. The event is sponsored by the member societies of the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies or HATS. For more information, call Herb Shivers 534-8483 or Robert Van Peurse 533-6617.

PX holiday hours— The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours on Presidents Day, Feb. 16: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Food Court/Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Concessions, closed; Mall Barber Shop, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Furniture Store, closed; One-Stop/Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military Clothing, closed; and Barber Shop, building 3479, closed.

Aeronautics/astronautics group— American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will hold a luncheon Feb. 19 at the Radisson Suite Hotel. Social starts at 11 a.m., lunch will be served at 11:30. Scheduled speaker is Dr. William Schonberg of University of Alabama-Huntsville. Cost is \$14 for AIAA members; the student rate is \$7; the non-member rate \$17; and corporate tables of eight are \$120. For tickets or reservations, call Alfred Wright 876-8037 by noon Feb. 16.

Cholesterol screenings— Most of us assume that since we feel well, we are well. And so we are— most of the time. But unfortunately not always. People can have high cholesterol and not feel a thing. And when you have it, you are not as well as you might be. As February is American Heart Month, what better time to learn your cholesterol level. Staff from Fox Army Health Center and the Sparkman Fitness Center will provide free total cholesterol screenings at the Sparkman Fitness Center from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 19. For more information, call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0196.

NCO spouses— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Challenger club. "Bring a friend and become involved in your community," a prepared release said.

Meritorious unit award— On Dec. 2, 1997, Department of the Army announced that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA) to the following units: Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), to include the Combat Operations Staff, Peterson AFB and Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colo., for the period July 1, 1992 to Aug. 26, 1996; Headquarters, Combined Task Force "Provide Comfort," for the period July 1, 1995 to Dec. 31, 1996; Joint Command and Control Warfare Center, Kelly AFB, Texas, for the period Sept. 15, 1994 to Jan. 31, 1997; Joint Task Force "Assured Lift," Abidjan, Ivory Coast, for the period Feb. 4, 1997 to March 8, 1997; Joint Staff for the period Jan. 2, 1995 to Sept. 30, 1997. Personnel who feel they may be eligible should request an appoint-

ment with their applicable Personnel Records Branch of the Military Personnel Office to determine final eligibility.

Florida Tech courses— Florida Institute of Technology is conducting a professional development course titled Wide Area Networking from 5-9 p.m. for four Tuesdays. Class dates are March 10, 17, 24 and 31. Cost is \$595 per course. Registration is open to all area residents. Government employees receive a 10 percent discount. For more information call 881-7878 or visit FIT's office in building 5304, room 4326.

Youth tennis clinic— Registration forms are now

available for Youth Development Association's 1998 Spring Break Tennis Clinic, March 30 through April 3. The tennis clinic will be held at the Huntsville Tennis Center at Brahan Spring Park off Drake Avenue. Pick up registration forms at the Huntsville Tennis Center, area YMCAs, Pro Discount Golf and Tennis, Madison Rec Center/Dublin Park Boys and Girls Club, and the Serve and Volley Shop.

Quarterly retirement ceremony— The next Retirement Ceremony will take place April 16 at 4 p.m. behind building 3437 (HHC AMCOM). Rehearsal will be held April 15 at 8 a.m.

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Explosives Safety at MSFC & RSA
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behind building 3437. If you wish to participate in the Retirement Ceremony, call Support Operations, SFC Jones 842-2500 by April 2.

Master's degree program—Nova Southeastern University will hold a registration/information meeting on its master's in business administration program at 6 p.m. Feb. 19 at Bevell Conference Center & Hotel, conference classroom 289 at 550 Sparkman Drive. To RSVP or for more information, call 800-672-7223, ext. 5039.

Art auction—The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its 26th annual Art Exhibition and Auction on March 7 at the Officers Club. The exhibition will begin at 6 p.m., with the auction at 7. This year's event will again be presented by the Perry Berns Gallery of Dallas. Proceeds from this show will benefit the OCWC Welfare Fund and its support of the scholarship and grant programs for Redstone Arsenal and the Huntsville area. Advance tickets will be available for \$5 from OCWC members. Tickets

purchased the evening of the exhibition and auction will cost \$6. For more information, call Mary Bissell 430-0541 or Gail Askew 726-0156.

Chili cookoff—Williams Elementary PTA will hold a chili cookoff 6:30-9 p.m. Feb. 20. Teams should consist of 1-4 people; and there is a 20-team limit. Registration fee is \$10 per team. Friday is the deadline for entry. For more information, call Kevin Ring 461-4841 or Cindy Stevison 722-9167.

Commissary hours—The Commissary will be closed Tuesday, Feb. 17 for President's Day. It will reopen Feb. 18.

832nd Battalion ceremony—The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have a change of responsibility ceremony at 9 a.m. Feb. 18 in the quadrangle at the rear of building 3440. The ceremony is for the change of responsibility between outgoing CSM James George and his successor, CSM Lawrence Rogers. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony would be held in Pagano Gym.

Protestant women—The Weigh Down Workshop is beginning new classes Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. "The workshop is a weekly Christian Bible study, learning to lose weight through the word of God. This is a 12-week course sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC). Childcare will be provided," a PWOC release said. For more information and to register, call Susan Rawls 883-0144.

ACS education committee—The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon Feb. 18 at ACS, building 3491. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Black History luncheon—The Army Community of Excellence will present the 12th annual Black History Month Luncheon on Feb. 18 at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. Social begins at 11 a.m., and the

luncheon at 11:30. Cost is \$9.50. For ticket information, call the AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office 876-3591 by Feb. 16. Scheduled speaker is Claiborne Douglass Haughton Jr., principal director and director for civilian equal opportunity, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.

Women accountants—American Society of Women Accountants, Huntsville Chapter will meet at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 16 for "Student Night" at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. For reservations call Florence Royer 830-0377.

Logistics engineers—Tennessee Valley Chapter, SOLE- The International Society of Logistics will hold a luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Officers' Club. Scheduled speaker is Christopher Gardner, deputy to the commander of Logistics Support Activity. Cost is \$8.50 for members, \$9.50 non-members. For reservations call E. Louise Cooper 955-7492 or Jim Schaaf 922-5159 by 4 p.m. Friday.

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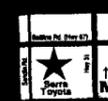
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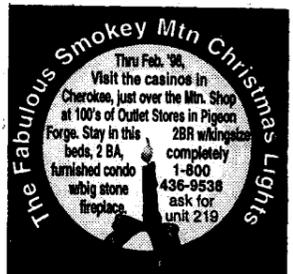
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'97 Mercury Mountaineer, All Wheel Drive, Leather, Sunroof (STK.#L8T22B)	\$24,990

VANS

'92 Ford Aerostar Ext. Van XLT, Dual Air (STK.#RP1425A)	\$8,950
'93 Ford Aerostar Ext. Van XLT (STK.#RP1328A)	Loaded \$7,950
'95 Nissan Quest GXE, Dual A/C, 40K Mi. (STK.#7T2143A)	\$16,500
'92 Dodge Grand Caravan, 7 Passenger (STK.#RCL876A)	\$8,500
'95 Chevy. Astro High Top Conv. Van, V6, All Power, Color TV, Many Other Options, 44K Mi. (STK.#L8T223B)	\$14,990

'93 Dodge Ram 250 Custom Van, Well-Equipped, Captain's Seats, All Power (STK.#7T2229A)	\$7,950
'93 GMC Safari Ext. Van, V6, Auto. Trans., A/C (STK.#AP1982A)	\$10,995
'93 Mercury Villager Van, All Power, A/C (STK.#81416A)	\$9,995
'96 Chevy. Astro Ext. Passenger Van, LX Pkg., All Power, 27K Mi. (STK.#8T810A)	\$16,990
'98 Ford E-150 Cargo Van, V8, Auto & Air, Only 250K Mi.	\$22,500