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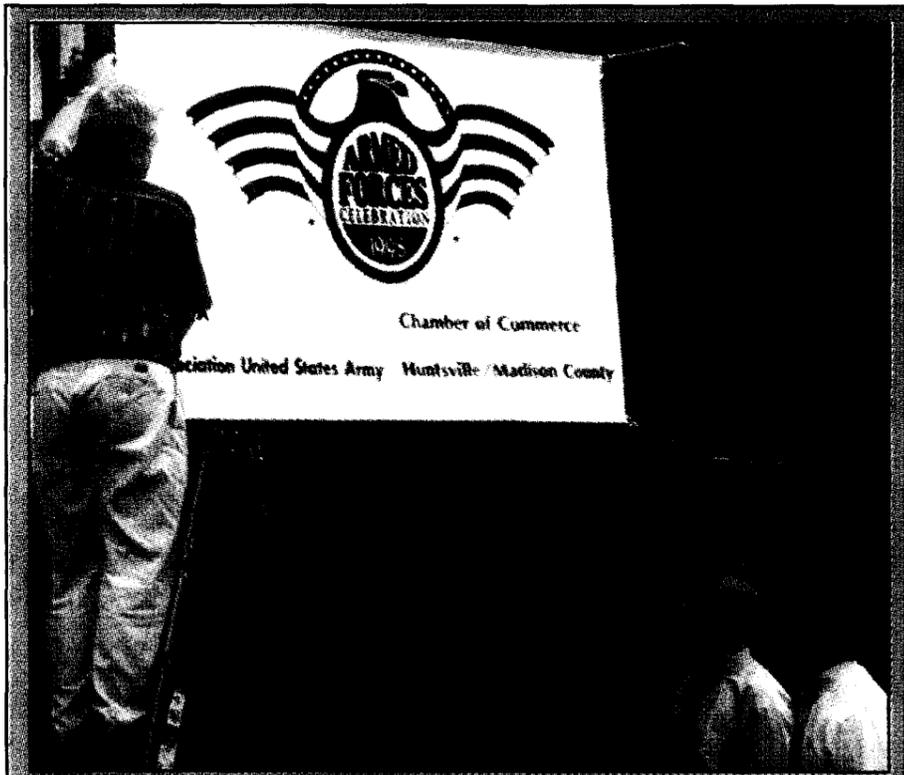


Photo by Skip Vaughn

Armed forces week...

From left Tom Burnett hangs a banner for Armed Forces Celebration Week while John Hone, president of the Association of the U.S. Army, and Brian Hixon, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, look on. Many activities are scheduled this week during the community-wide celebration.

AMCOM on schedule for averting year 2000 snafu

Computer systems all over must update programs before '00'

By Skip Vaughn

A worker at higher headquarters was getting ready for a vacation trip with his wife. He wanted some extra cash so he went to an ATM machine and inserted his brand new credit card. To his chagrin, the machine coughed up his plastic and told him to contact his bank.

He knew he had enough money in his account. That wasn't the problem. It turned out it was the bank's fault. They'd failed to update their computers so his card—supposedly good for three years until February 2000—couldn't work. The bank rep told him they'd send him a new card, good until February 1999.

John Finafrock, the AMCOM ombudsman and project manager for the Year 2000 Task Force, likes to tell this story which actually did happen in order to underscore the Year 2000 issue. Ironically, the victim was an Army Materiel Command employee who works on this very problem.

"The Year 2000 issue is basically mak-

ing sure that any equipment we have that functions with any type of information technology that uses a year date will function at the turn of the millennium on 1 Jan. 2000," Finafrock said.

Year-date issue

Many of the business systems use a date, but it's a two-digit year date—98 or 99, for example. The programmers who developed these programs didn't realize back then that we'd eventually get to year 2000 or 00. This means 00 would be confused as 1900 on those systems.

The solution is either creating a four-digit year date field—2000—or revising the program logic to tell the computer that 00 means the missing digits are 20 and not 19.

The Army and its various organizations, including the Aviation and Missile Command, are working to update their computers so there won't be a massive crash of software at the turn of the century.

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Strays need a good home, too...

Veterinary clinic urges pet owners to be responsible

By Sandy Riebeling

Last year 107 animals on the Arsenal were picked up by the Military Police and taken to the Veterinary Treatment Facility as strays. This year, the number is 45 so far.

"Most of the animals picked up are returned to their owners," said Sgt. Jeffrey Thompson, animal care technician at the vet clinic. "When we get an animal in, we do everything we can to locate the owner and notify them that their pet has been picked up. Of course, it makes it easier when the animal is wearing a collar and has tags."

But sometimes collars come loose and unless the animal can tell the vet technician who he belongs to, the animal may never go home.

"It's very important that when an animal runs away or is missing, that the owner call and let us know," Thompson said.

And then there are those pet owners who take the collar off of their pet and let the animal loose, or move off post, take the collar off the animal and leave the animal in the house. Yes, it happens.

Most animals that end up at the clinic are cats and dogs. Exotic animals, including reptiles and certain types of birds as well as animals considered to be livestock, such as a potbellied pigs are not allowed as pets on the Arsenal.

The facility is equipped with six kennels and seven cages to hold pets and to observe in quarantine if necessary. There is a \$5 per day fee for animals held in the clinic that the owner must pay when the animal is picked up. If the owner of an animal cannot be identified or located, the animal will stay in the clinic 72 hours before being put up for adoption.

"We spay or neuter the animals before adoption, if possi-

ble," Thompson said. "If they are too young or we don't have the time, we ask that the owners bring the animal back and have it done. It's like Bob Barker says, be responsible, have your pet spayed or neutered."

The clinic has very little trouble getting pets adopted out usually, especially the young animals. Last week, the last of five puppies at the clinic found a home.

"Sometimes people leave their names and tell us to call if we get animals in (for adoption)," Thompson said. "And sometimes we call around and let people know, maybe get their picture in the Rocket."

But there are some animals that do not find a home.

"There was this lab (dog) that we had here for two months, not a thing wrong with him, but we had to put him down," Thompson said. "That's the most frustrating part, putting down good animals."

And there are some animals that have to be euthanized because they are sick or wild. "We won't adopt out an animal that is aggressive, attacks or we can see that it may be a problem," he said. "We don't want to take a chance that it will hurt someone."

Besides handling strays, the clinic has hours of operation for pet vaccinations, testing and spaying or neutering. Appointments are necessary. A clinic is held at the horse stables twice a year for vaccines and testing as well.

The clinic also takes care of the military working dogs and unit mascots.

Questions or problems with animals on the post that are not considered pets are handled by either the game warden Cecil Winn or preventive medicine.

There is no longer a full-time veterinarian at the Arsenal.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

HOMELESS—Thompson takes care of strays like this mixed breed female dog who's waiting for a family to adopt her.

Lt. Col. Michael Yehle, district veterinary from Fort Campbell, Ky., will spend Mondays and part of Tuesdays at the clinic. A full-time veterinarian is expected to be here in late October. Yehle will fill in the interim.



Letters To The Editor

Retiring deputy to CG thanks the work force



As I end a career that has spanned 42 years working for the Army and the soldier on the front line, I would be remiss if I didn't thank all who helped make this career the best one could ask for.

The working relationships I have had with truly professional "can do" people have been outstanding. I never encountered a problem at the Missile Command that the work force did not pitch in and solve. I will expect the same of the Aviation and Missile Command in the future.

It's tough to depart after so long, but I leave believing this command has made an impact on world peace, and I pray that the impact in the future will continue so that my grandchildren can enjoy life in a peaceful world.

Thank you for giving me the opportunities I've enjoyed, and I wish you success in the days to come. God bless you all.

Ernie Young
Deputy to commanding general
AMCOM

Picnic sports

The annual picnic for AMCOM employees is now history and everybody that I talked with at the picnic enjoyed themselves. There were volleyball and softball games that were played at the same time which caused problems for some of the organizations who had employees who played both sports. The Resource Management Directorate did not have the same volleyball players who played in each of the four games. There were four RMD volleyball players who played softball following the first volleyball game. As a result of the loss of the four volleyball players, the team captain had to quickly find available RMD employees to play the remaining three games until the RMD team was eliminated from the tournament. The same situation also applied to PEO Aviation players who shuttled between volleyball and softball games.

My suggestion for the 1999 picnic is that the volleyball tournament start no later than 8:30 a.m. and end no later than noon. Then the softball tournament could begin at noon and continue until the conclusion of the tournament. There is no valid reason why this schedule change could not be implemented to allow organizations such as RMD and PEO Aviation to use players who really want to play both sports. Let's do it for the benefit of everybody at the 1999 picnic.

James Will
Resource Management Directorate

Redstone picnic

The Team Redstone Organizational Day (TROD) '98 was a huge success despite the threat of rain and heat. Approximately 300-plus Redstone Arsenal workers and

their families attended the event. The TROD Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers from AVRDEC and MRDEC for their hard work in putting this event together. Many hands and organizations worked together to bring this day to the workers and their families, too numerous to mention, so on behalf of the TROD chairperson(s)—thank you! You all contributed to a successful picnic.

Special thanks to the following contributors responsible for the door prizes: Stars and Stripes; Liberty Tree; Deck the Walls; Madison Square Mall; Family Christian Store; U.S. Space & Rocket Center; Radisson Hwy. 20; Executive Lodge Sparkman Drive; Lofton's Huntsville Hilton; Theatre Huntsville; Post Exchange; Flowers with Love; Southern Adventures; Radisson Suite Hotel Memorial Parkway; Redstone Florist; Post Restaurant fund; Redstone Federal Credit Union; Huntsville Stars; Sound on Wheels; The Challenger Club; A Touch of Mink; Moore's Flowers and Gifts; Arby's South Huntsville; Home Spun Country; Civilian Welfare Fund (Bingo); and NCO Club (Bingo).

The door prizes unclaimed have been listed on the community bulletin board and are reprinted for your information/claim. All door prizes must be claimed by Aug. 3. Those yet unclaimed are: 366540, 366599, 996503, 996505, 996506, 365184, 996365, 366475, 365415, 996010, 365860, 366217, 366066, 996504. Please call Sherry Hilley 842-6715 for pick-up.

A special thank you to the joy of our children's hearts—"Freedom Rose," resident balloon maker; and to CIC for keeping us humming. Again, thank you volunteers!

Sherry Hilley
Publicity chairperson
TROD '98

Graduate center...

Florida Tech celebrates four decades of service to Redstone

By Jeffrey D. Cox

The Florida Institute of Technology's Redstone Graduate Center will celebrate FIT's 40th anniversary with a free picnic for students and former graduates at the Rustic Lodge on Aug. 4 from 3 to 7 p.m.

FIT has graduate centers at 10 other military sites and is a private, non-profit technological university based in Melbourne, Fla. The Redstone center has graduated nearly 1,100 students during its 22 years.

The first 200 students to arrive at the picnic will receive a free gift, resident administrator Jack Macris said.

"I'm buying baseball caps, T-shirts, and other gifts to give out as prizes. They will be coming from some money I've earned from professional development training," Macris said.

The center offers master's degrees in a variety of management disciplines to military personnel, government workers, and the Huntsville community. Macris said approximately one-third of the center's 350 students come from Department of Defense contractors or private industry.

"Probably 70 percent of our students

come to us as referrals," Macris said. "Once someone comes to us and they are happy with the product, then they will turn to their co-workers or their subordinates or employees and say, 'Try Florida Tech.'"

The center, in conjunction with the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, has a long-running program that allows soldiers to continue as full-time students at FIT and earn a master's degree once they complete their advanced ordnance courses. Col. Clifton Broderick, AMCOM chief of staff, was one of the first students to belong to the program.

"They (FIT) give the soldier the opportunity to further their education. That's the big word: opportunity," Broderick said.

"They'll work with the students on a case-by-case basis to ensure that the student gets all the instruction that is necessary. They do a great job for the soldier. They did that for us when we were going through," Broderick said.

As a private institution, the center does not receive any state funding. Macris said that since the center is a private school

they must apply annually for licenses to teach in Alabama, as well as pay certain taxes.

Director Dr. Robert Gulbro said the center will be working toward getting national accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) in August and September. Once that is in place, he said their next project will be starting a Ph.D. program.

"The Ph.D. program is contingent on ACBSP accreditation and SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) reaccreditation. It might take up to two years before the mechanics can be worked out, but it's still a valuable goal for our school, our program, and our community," Gulbro said.

For more information on the picnic, call 881-7878.

Some of FIT's alumni include the following (arranged in alphabetical order):

Anders Aadland, brigadier general (head of engineers for the U.S. Army and Europe); Barry Bates, vice commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Colonel Bereron, Hampton Roads graduate; James Boddie, commanding general,

Picatiny Arsenal, N.J.; Clifton Broderick, colonel, AMCOM chief of staff; General Brown, Hampton Roads graduate; Charles Cannon, major general, assistant deputy chief of staff for logistics; Thomas Dickenson, commanding general, Army Ordnance Center and School; Walker Evey, associate deputy, assistant secretary for contracting (Air Force); James Herdt, master chief petty officer of the Navy; Joan Higgenbotham, astronaut; Kay Hire, astronaut; Michael D. Jones, chairman of the board of the American Society for Quality; Christopher Loria, astronaut; Willie Nance, brigadier general, program executive officer for tactical missiles; Roy Tucker, deputy director of mass transit (South Carolina); Sunita Williams, astronaut; Johnnie Wilson, commanding general, Army Materiel Command; James Wright, commanding general, Army Quartermaster Center and School and 45th quartermaster general of the Army; and George Zamka, astronaut.

(Editor's note: Cox, a senior technical writer at Intergraph Corporation, is a student at FIT.)

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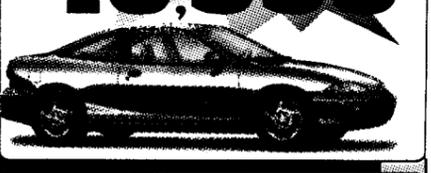
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Boeing hires Corps of Engineers Huntsville Center

Government agencies hiring contractors for their skills and services is common place, but a contractor "hiring" a government agency is rare indeed. However, that's exactly what Boeing Corporation recently did when it decided to partner with the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville for traditional Architectural-Engineering design and construction oversight work for the National Missile Defense program.

The Huntsville Center will act as the "one door to the Corps" for various support roles that the Corps of Engineers will play as a partner in Boeing's systems integration contract and the National Missile Defense Program.

The National Missile Defense program is intended to defend America against limited attack by Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) that could be aimed at the United States in the future. The Huntsville Center has a long history with the Ballistic Missile Defense Program. Huntsville Center's conception and original mission was entirely devoted to the

design and construction of facilities needed for the Army's Sentinel/Safeguard Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) System in the late 1960s. Although the Sentinel mission gradually diminished, the Huntsville Center has remained an active participant in the Ballistic Missile Defense program for more than three decades. In 1992, the Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters appointed Huntsville Center the program manager for all Corps support throughout the life cycle of the program.

The Corps' involvement is only a piece of the National Missile Defense Program contract awarded to Boeing by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in 1998. Boeing's three-year contract is worth approximately \$1.6 billion. According to Boeing officials, current plans include developing and demonstrating a ballistic missile defense system to a point at which a decision to deploy can be made in the year 2000.

The Boeing decision has an even larger impact for the Corps of Engineers. While

Huntsville Center will maintain the design role, and retain the lead for Corps of Engineers' actions, other Corps offices will also provide their services. Plans for potential facility sites in both North Dakota and in Alaska must be developed. The Corps' geographic districts will continue their traditional role. This means both Omaha and Alaska districts will be partners with Huntsville in the design phase, and will provide any construction services required in their areas.

After the facility requirements are finalized, and construction is approved to proceed, the Huntsville Center will continue to act as the "one door to the Corps" for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the National Missile Defense program, but the responsible geographic district will manage the construction.

"The construction oversight provided by the responsible district will definitely mean an increased workload and funding for that district," John Romeo, program manager, said.

The Cold Regions Research and Engineering

Laboratory (CRREL) also will provide its expertise in the development of both facilities. "CRREL has always been involved with facilities in these areas, and they will continue their role," Romeo added.

Additionally, the Huntsville Center has offered to support Boeing in design and construction of proposed facilities identified by Boeing to be used for missile integration and testing. Currently Boeing plans the construction of three missile silos for testing and training purposes. The test silos would be located at Kwajalein Atoll in the South Pacific and Vandenberg AFB, Calif., with the training silo located at the Boeing facility in Huntsville.

"We believe Corps participation will help facilitate integration of the various elements as the program comes together in the future," Romeo said. "Boeing has already shown a great amount of faith in the Corps of Engineers, and I believe their trust is well-founded in Huntsville's proven capabilities." (Corps of Engineers release)

Anthrax shots needle troops; protection is upshot for servicemembers

By Douglas J. Gillert

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.— "Do I have to take this shot?" is the question servicemembers most often ask about the new DoD anthrax mass-vaccination program. It comes up, too, during discussions of Gulf War illnesses. The first inoculations were given to American troops during the Gulf War.

The current plan to immunize every soldier, sailor, airman and Marine answers another question military leaders have asked since the war: "How can we better protect our men and women against weapons of mass destruction?"

Besides wondering if

they have to get the series of six anthrax shots — the answer is yes, it's a legal binding order — servicemembers also wonder how safe the vaccine is.

"It was approved by the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration] 28 years ago," Army Dr. (Col.) Francis O'Donnell, said here June 17. He is the medical adviser to Bernard Rostker, DoD's special assistant on Gulf War illnesses.

O'Donnell said questions about anthrax often come up at meetings to share information with veterans of the Gulf War and to seek input for the department's investigation.

"The anthrax vaccination is safe and effective,"

he said. "You'll probably get a little soreness in the arm, is all."

Although the FDA has approved a six-shot series of anthrax inoculations for maximum protection, primate tests and a shortage of the vaccine in 1990-91 spurred DoD to give Persian Gulf-bound troops fewer shots.

According to O'Donnell, 1990 tests on primates showed that just two shots provided well over 50 percent protection against airborne anthrax spores. Based on test results, DoD then vaccinated some 150,000 Persian Gulf-bound servicemembers.

"We had neither the quantities of anthrax vaccine

needed nor the time required to administer the full regimen," O'Donnell said. "With the encouraging evidence from the primate studies, we felt pretty good about being able to use two shots and give as much protection to as many people as possible."

In December 1997, DoD announced plans to inocu-

late all servicemembers — including future recruits — with the six-shot regimen. The course of shots requires 18 months to complete. "But in the long term," O'Donnell said, "we'll have a force that at all times is protected." (American Forces Press Service)

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Spreading the word...

Mail clerk delivers his message through poetry, songs

By Sandy Riebeling

Charles Pollard wrote his first song when he was 10 years old, about a crush he had on a little girl. Twenty-four years later, Pollard is still writing about love.

His poem "This Peaceful Place I Want to Share With You" was published in February in the hard-bound edition of "Traces of Yesterday," a National Library of Poetry publication.

"I don't remember the exact details," said Pollard, mail clerk for Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center. "I got this address for a poetry contest, sent in this one and it was chosen to be published."

Shortly after his poem was published, he was invited to join the International Society of Poets.

Another of his poems, "Love," has been selected for

publication in the book Outstanding Poets of 1998. "It's one of my best ones," he said.

Pollard's creative writing has been sporadic during his adult years. At one time he was concentrating on love letters, hoping to eventually have enough for a book, but has put that project on the back burner, "for a while." During the past few years, he has written 27 poems.

"My poetry," Pollard said, "is a reflection of me. Of my feelings within that I have to let out. It comes from deep within me."

But Pollard doesn't just write poetry. Since Memorial Day weekend, he has written 14 songs, four of those for the Bar-Kays, a rhythm and blues band out of Memphis, discovered by Otis Redding in the late '60s.

Pollard met band member Tony Gentry about nine months ago through their

common interest in music and lyrics. Memorial Day weekend, the band was performing at the Old School Jam in Sportsman Park in Huntsville, where Pollard met another band member, Mark Bynum.

"Mark asked me to write him some lyrics," Pollard said. "I wrote four songs for them since then."

Pollard met up with the group on tour in Augusta, Ga., a few weeks ago and spent the day with the band.

"It was like a dream come true," he said. "I went with them to set up and do sound check, then back to the hotel, then backstage with them before the show. I was surprised at how laid-back they were. It was especially great when they included me in their prayer circle before they went on stage. It was a lot of fun, but very tiring."

It was during that visit

with the group Gentry asked Pollard to write lyrics for a young female group, NOK (Next of Kin), Gentry is producing.

"I was driving back from Augusta trying to think about what it was like to be a teenager again, and the title came to me," Pollard said. "Monday night, the words came. It just flows. I can't force it."

He finished the lyrics to "Just Another High School Crush" and gave it to Gentry for the teen-age group.

Pollard said he doesn't have any particular place or mood or environment to inspire his lyrics or poems to come forth. It can and does happen at the strangest times.

"One night me and some friends went to happy hour after work and the words just started coming," he said. "I grabbed a business card and started writing. Then I went back later and picked it up."

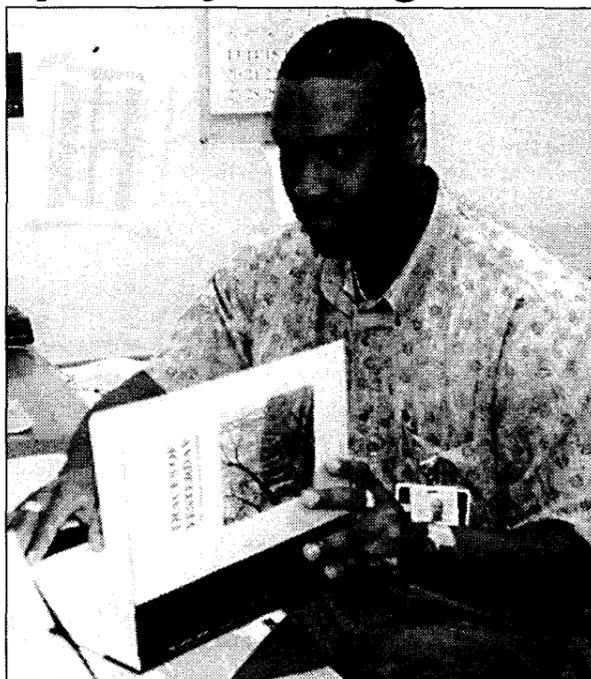


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PUBLISHED POET— Pollard finds his poem in "Traces of Yesterday," a book published by the National Library of Poetry.

The creative muses have awakened him from sleep as well.

"Sometimes something will come to me in the middle of the See POET on page 14

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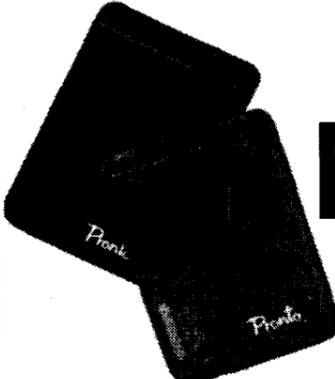
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Winning slogan... 'Do the quick click' chosen as theme for energy awareness campaign

By Trish Golden

The AMCOM Energy Team has selected a winning slogan as our theme during the Energy Awareness Campaign.

Tyrone Burks, an employee of NCCIM Corporation, submitted the winning slogan. His slogan, "Do the quick click for Energy Conservation," expressed clearly the idea that it does not take much effort to be energy efficient. Burks will be awarded a \$250 savings bond donated by the Redstone Federal Credit Union. He will also receive an energy shirt.

There were many excellent slogans submitted, and we appreciate all of them. The Energy Team is very pleased with the interest displayed in the slogan contest; and we are encouraged to know that so many people are interested in conserving energy. The team selected 10 additional slogans as honorable mention. The winners will

receive an energy shirt. These 10 include Theresa Mack, Security Assistance Management Directorate; Kim Newman, Acquisition Center; Neil Frazier, Integrated Materiel Management Center; Carolyn Grady, Logistics Support Activity; Art Cramer, Logistics Support Activity; Paul Pardi, Logistics Support Activity; Yong Deweese, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity; Colleen Walsh, Deputy for Systems Acquisition; Dennis Fitzgerald, Defense MegaCenter; and John Braddy, Integrated Materiel Management Center.

Remember to use the slogan as the theme for your submission to the Poster Contest chaired by the Sparkman Management Office, Thomas Wharton.

(Editor's note: Golden represents the Acquisition Center on the AMCOM Energy Team. She is chief of support operations for the Acquisition Center.)

Wanted: creative posters to promote saving energy

By Thomas Wharton

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson announced the Redstone energy campaign on June 18. As part of this campaign, the Sparkman Management Office and the Personnel and Training Directorate are sponsoring the Energy Awareness Poster Contest.

The winning slogan, "Do the Quick Click," should be incorporated into all poster designs. The winning poster should be creative and original.

All Redstone employees (military, civilian, and contractor) and their family members are encouraged to participate. The winning poster will encourage every Team Redstone member to save energy. It should also make energy savings a part of how we do our everyday jobs.

Please put your name, organization (spelled out), office symbol, telephone number, and e-mail address (if any) on the back of your 16-by-20 inch poster submission. Submit it to Thomas Whar-

ton, Sparkman Management Office, building 5300, room 5150 by Aug. 12 no later than 3 p.m. Submit only one entry per person (no exceptions).

The AMCOM Energy Team will select the winner. The decision of the judges will be final. The winner will be awarded a \$250 savings bond donated by the Redstone Federal Credit Union. The winner will also receive an energy shirt. The winning poster will be the official Redstone Arsenal poster for Energy Awareness Week in October. Honorable mention submitters will receive an energy shirt.

Thank you for your participation in this contest. If you have any questions, you may reach me at 842-8056. Good luck, and I look forward to receiving your entry.

(Editor's note: Wharton represents the Sparkman Center on the AMCOM Energy Team. He is facilities specialist for the Sparkman Management Office.)

Norway planning to test its air defense solution

The Aviation and Missile Command is supporting Norway's efforts to do a first-ever demonstration of its entire ground-based air defense (GBAD) capability.

The "Norwegian ADA Solution" consists of the Norwegian Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS), which uses the Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM); the short-range MANPADS RB 70, a manportable surface-to-air missile system; and the L 70, a 40-millimeter anti-aircraft artillery gun. The interoperability of these assets will be tested during a day-long demonstration scheduled for Aug. 5 at the Army's Short-Range Air Defense range near Oro Grande, N.M. Representatives of Norway's Air Force Materiel Command and Inspectorate of Air Defence Artillery have been in the El

Paso area for several weeks preparing for the demonstration, which will culminate in the firing of four AMRAAMs, the RB 70 and the L 70. Equipment for the demonstration has been shipped in from Norway.

"We are looking forward to this with great expectations," Lt. Col. Oystein Stene, GBAD program manager, said. "The project also arouses great attention in other countries. After the

NASAMS was introduced in 1994/95 several nations followed our development with great interest."

The United States and

several other foreign countries are interested in the program, and will have observers present during the test, he said.

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Simple things in life add up for provost marshal

Former Pentagon officer says she's proud to serve post

By Sandy Riebeling

She's an officer, a wife, a mother and an honorary citizen of the great state of Texas. Maj. Janice Smith is also the new provost marshal at Redstone Arsenal.

Smith arrived for duty on June 29 from the Pentagon where she served with the Department of the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans, Security Force Protection and Law Enforcement Division, an office responsible for writing Force Protection Policies for the Army.

"It was an awesome task," Smith said. "One of the hardest places you can work as an Army officer. If you survive it, it makes you proud."

Smith's first order of business was to meet with her superiors and staff and to develop a working relationship.

"Maj. Harry Smith did an outstanding job here," said Smith, referring to her predecessor, no relation. "I intend to build upon what he's already done and not let the standard drop."

Smith's next order of business is to become familiar with the 38,000-plus acres and 350 miles of hard top on the Arsenal.

"It's important to me to make sure people feel comfortable coming to work and for the people living here to go to sleep at night," she said. "I take that responsibility very seriously."

Visibility in the Redstone community is high on Smith's priority list.

"I want to get out and visit with the people who live here and work here and let them know I am available if I'm needed—to let people put a face with the name," she said. "I'm proud to be assigned here. The quality of people here is outstanding."

The relocation to Redstone proved to be beneficial for her family which had been separated for the last 10 months. While she was in Washington with her two children, her husband was attending Command

and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. They are currently stationed together at Redstone. Maj. Bobby Smith is assigned to the Enhanced Fiber Optics Guided Missile Project Office.

"I have a wonderful husband, Bobby, and two great kids," Smith said. "I'm very proud of my daughter Desiree. She's a straight A student. And my outgoing 3-year-old, Joshua keeps me totally busy."

As the second oldest of seven children, Smith has always placed a high value on family. She was the first one of her mother's brood to enter the military, followed by four of her brothers, one in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

"I'm very proud of all of my brothers and my sister," she said. "And I attribute everything to my mother. She is a strong woman, class beyond class."

Raised by her mother on a farm in Smithfield, Va., Smith entered the Army in 1983. She received her bachelor's in political science from Christopher Newport University at Newport News, Va. Her military schools include the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Combined Arms Service School, the Master Fitness Trainers Course, Command and General Staff College and the Public Affairs Officers Course.

Prior to her assignment at the Pentagon, Smith served in the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs at CID headquarters, President Clinton's first Armed Forces Inaugural Committee with the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, training officer and adjutant at Fort Dix, N.J.; assistant operations officer and detachment commander in Nuremberg, Germany, battalion adjutant and commander of the Law Enforcement Activity at Fort Hood.

It was during her service at Fort Hood that her first sergeant of the company wrote to the governor of Texas, requesting honorary citizen-

ship be extended to Smith. She proudly displays the proclamation, signed by the governor on her office wall.

Having served as the provost marshal less than a month, Smith has already identified some future trends and possible changes. But her job is not the sum total of those changes by which Smith defines her effect at Redstone.

"The people, that's what I love most about the Army," she said. "The only legacy we have in this world is how we touch the lives of other people. I believe in being courteous, professional and treating everyone the same. It's about the simple things. How we treat people. Put together, those make the big things in life."



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CHECKING IT OUT— Smith, right, goes over scheduling with DoD Police Sgt. Chuck Rodman, Army Sgt. Paul Cormier, left, and DoD Security Lt. James Oody.

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Photos and story by Debra Valine

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Ruby Falls boasts the highest underground waterfall open to the public. The 145-foot falls, named for the wife of the man who developed the cavern, is the crowning jewel of the cave. A tour guide leads a group of visitors the approximate 30 minutes to the falls past rock formations that resemble bacon, a tapestry, a totem pole, and others. It's not Luray Caverns in Virginia or Carlsbad Caverns, N.M., but it is fun and the trail is easy to navigate.

The cave's history dates back to 1923 when Leo Lambert formed a corporation for the purpose of opening the historic Lookout Mountain Cave to the public. Lookout Mountain Cave is actually located below Ruby Falls and is not open to the public. While drilling an elevator shaft to the original cave in 1928, a small opening was found at the 260-foot level that measured 2 feet high and 4 feet wide. Lambert decided to explore this opening — 17 hours later he emerged and described the many beautiful rock formations and the spectacular waterfall.

The entrance to Ruby Falls is modeled after a



ENTRANCE— The entrance to Ruby Falls is modeled after a 15th century castle and is made from the limestone excavated from the elevator shaft.

15th century Irish castle and was constructed from limestone excavated from the elevator shaft. From the vantage point at the top of the castle, visitors can see into seven states. There are gift shops, a snack bar, and a play area for the children while you wait for a tour

that leaves every 10 to 15 minutes.

Ruby Falls is open every day except Christmas. You might want to take a sweater, the cave maintains a 60-degree temperature year-round.

Rock City Gardens, actually located on the

Georgia side of the mountain, is also open every day except Christmas. Signs leading from Ruby Falls will guide you.

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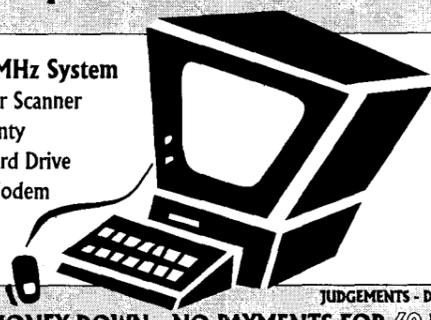
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Higher headquarters honors logistic assistance representative

LAR of Year winner supports Apache helicopter in Germany

By B.J. Cuddeback

The deputy chief of staff for readiness initiated the "Logistic Assistance Representative of the Year" award in 1985 in response to the Army Materiel Command commander's desire to reward excellence in support of the Army. The "LAR of the Year" award recognizes achievements made by non-supervisory Logistics Assistance Program personnel GS-12 and below. In 1988, AMC Headquarters renamed the "LAR of the Year" award to the "Robertson J. Short LAR of the Year" award in memory of former Army Missile Command LAR Robertson J. "Jim" Short.

The "Robertson J. Short LAR of the Year" award is presented to the LAR who best provides outstanding logistic/technical support to the Army, provides support during contingency operations or exercises, and actively participates after hours in self-improvement and community involvement. The competition is tough, and only one of the approximately 850 LARs in the program can be selected.

This year, the award was presented to Aviation and Missile Command LAR Michael L. Waits who supports AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter in Hanau, Germany.

Waits' superb skills led him to an operational readiness rate of 85 percent, which exceeded the AH-64 readiness rate by 14 percent prior to June 1997. Even the new rates after June 1997 were exceeded by 11 percent. This achievement is even more impressive when considering the increased operational tempo for Operations Joint Endeavor and Guard in the Balkans, which saw aircraft

usage more than triple. Waits is no stranger to deployments. Including his second deployment to Bosnia with 1st Armored Division, he is a veteran of eight such actions during his government service. His second trip to the Bosnia war zone occurred from September to December 1997. His immediate efforts contributed significantly to the redeployment of 16 aircraft. Upon his arrival in Bosnia he replaced two LARs within a widely dispersed area of coverage. On his own, until the arrival of his organic unit, Waits supported 48 AH-64s, a truly monumental task in itself. He continued to excel in his duties in the Balkans.

Waits has an impressive array of awards: two medals (Civilian Achievement Medal and the NATO Medal); three Certificates of Achievement (from commanders of the Aviation Brigade, Attack Helicopter Battalion, and Aviation Support Battalion); six Commanders Coins for excellence (Task Force Eagle/1st AD commander, director of Logistic Support Activity, commander AMC-Europe, Commander AMC- Logistics Support Element- Forward on two separate occasions, and commander Aviation Support Battalion); and, two significant performance awards for tangible contributions.

By the conclusion of the second iteration of Operation Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard in the Balkans, Waits stood as one of the most decorated LARs involved in the contingency mission.

Throughout Waits' tour with the 1st AD Logistic Assistance Office, he has saved the government a great sum of money. In garrison and in Bosnia,

Waits saved the government through cost avoidances \$795,153 after deduction of 60 percent of Army Master Data File cost. This total represents the second highest total among the 31 LARs who served in the division's logistic assistance office during 1997.

Waits is a great LAR professionally, however his volunteer work is also unsurpassed. He is a well known and respected youth volunteer in his Hanau community. This year, as in past years, he is a coach and valued assistant in the local Little League baseball program. His fine demeanor and patience make him an excellent teacher and purveyor of sportsmanship and high values. He has acted as a chaperone to youth groups on church and school outings. As demonstrated in Bosnia, Waits is a pillar in the Hanau communities church life programs. He is a member of the community chapel. Within the chapel he has made the time to devote additional energies as a member of the choir and as an usher. Again, demonstrating the very highest principles of selflessness, charity, and Christian values, Waits and his family support a missionary and his family. The active support Waits provides not only is spiritual but financial as well.

To accomplish these feats, Waits had to have a strong family backing from his wife, Donna, and children, Nicole and John. Waits and his family are winners, and the LAR of the Year Award expresses AMC's appreciation for their professional and social dedication.

(Editor's note: Cuddeback is a team leader in the Readiness Directorate at AMCOM.)



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RECOGNITION— Waits shows the plaque he received in June as LAR of the Year. He is due to arrive in August for assignment at Redstone.

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Keep the cool food cool...

Food inspector urges commissary patrons to plan ahead

By Sandy Riebeling

Making sure quality food reaches the commissary shelves is one of the main goals of the food inspectors at Redstone. They are the enforcers of federal standards on proper transportation, handling and storage of products offered for sale.

How the consumer handles the food once it leaves the store is just as important.

"We serve 35,000 active and retired military and their families," said SSgt. Roger Walden, referring to those eligible to use the facilities on post. Walden is a food inspector and the NCO-in-charge of the Veterinary Services Branch which encompasses several services including animal medicine, veterinary public health and food inspectors.

"Sometimes people drive in from pretty far away to shop at the commissary," he said. "And they want to do all their shopping in one day—shop at the PX, the thrift store, commissary, then maybe eat lunch at Burger King and fill their car with gas before they go home. The problem is, they go to the commissary early to get in and out before the lines get long. Then they do all their other shopping, leaving their groceries, with meat and dairy products in the car. And with the heat like it's been this summer, that's a very bad idea."

Walden suggests that consumers who want to shop at the commissary first, bring a cooler to store their refrigerated and frozen products. In fact, if the drive is exceptionally long, it is

advisable to find a way to keep the cool foods cool.

"Food stressed by heat may not spoil right away, but it cuts down on the shelf life," said Walden, adding that bacteria in food multiplies quicker in warmer than suggested temperatures.

To be sure food is handled properly before reaching the shelves in the commissary or the kitchen at the bowling alley, for example, Arsenal food inspectors perform random checks of food upon receipt, which means that before the product is brought through the doors, it is quality.

"We do representative sampling to first, protect the health and welfare of the DoD community and secondly to protect our financial interests," Walden said.

There are 21 "restaurants"

on post that must be monitored by the four food inspectors on post. Besides inspecting food products used in the cafeterias, shops, vending machines and such, facilities are also inspected periodically to ensure that food storage is done properly.

Inspectors are also responsible for maintaining insect and rodent control as well as enforcing federal policies and food and drug recalls.

"We're on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in case of power outages or equipment malfunctions like refrigerators or freezers," Walden said.

Inspectors also handle commercial inspections off post and oversee the quality, handling and storage of troop issue "meal in a bag" products.

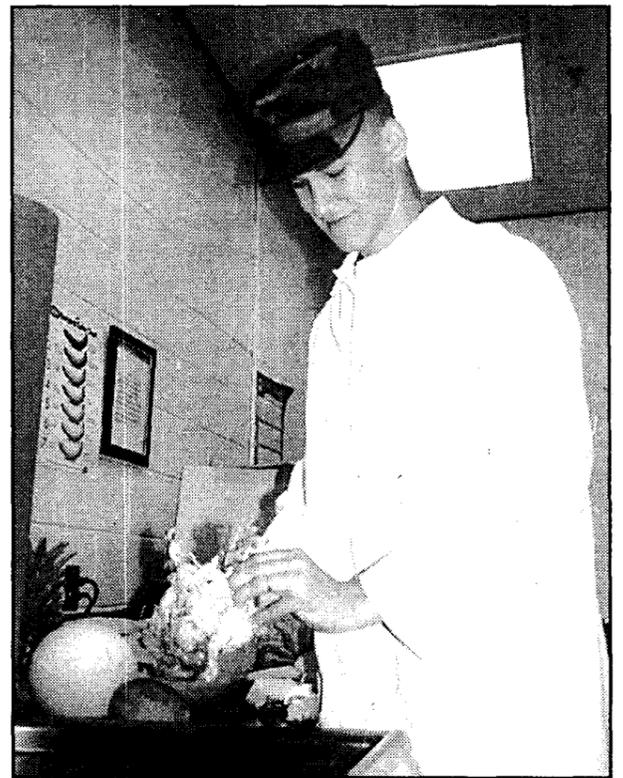


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LET'S SEE—Nathan Lee, food inspector, uses sensory evaluation to determine the quality of the produce from the commissary isles. Inspections are performed daily on produce, meats and dairy to ensure top quality.

People...

The following people received awards presented by Maj. Gen. David Gust, program executive officer for intelligence, electronic warfare and sensors, in a ceremony July 16:

- Thomas D. Hodge, Commander's Award for Civilian Service
- Jerel Cox, Commander's Award for Civilian Service
- Lt. Col. Robert Newton, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (first oak leaf cluster); and Meritorious Service Medal (second oak leaf cluster)
- Kerry Manos of Raytheon Systems Company, Sentinel Plaque and Certificate of Appreciation
- Rick Russell of Raytheon, Sentinel Certificate of Appreciation
- Beth Bergman of Sentinel Product Office, Sentinel Certificate of Appreciation
- Mike Glenn of Sentinel Product Office and Brian Hutz of Tobyhanna Army Depot, Sentinel IPT of the Quarter to the HMMWV Group
- Keith Foslien of AMCOM Systems Engineering and Production Directorate, Special Act Award
- Col. Jack Wolfe of Security Assistance Management Directorate, Sentinel System Photo

The following people received awards at a Patriot Project Office ceremony June 30:

- Danny Davis, two certificates—Acquisition Professional Level III
- James Newman, Certificate of Service—30 years
- David Fogg, Certificate of Service—30 years

- Bobby Bryant, Certificate of Service—20 years
- Millie Smith, Certificate of Service—20 years
- Deborah Acanfrio, Certificate of Service—20 years
- Doug Deaton, Certificate of Service—15 years
- Wallace Miller, Certificate of Service—15 years
- Jamie Pepper, Certificate of Service—15 years
- Larry Easterwood, Certificate of Service—10 years
- Robert Owen, Certificate of Service—10 years
- Michael Nowakowski, Certificate of Service—10 years
- Regeana Henderson, Certificate of Service—10 years
- Paula Glass, Certificate of Service—10 years
- Gina Downs, Plaque/Patriot of the Month for June
- Jamie Pepper, Promotion Certificate
- So Hui Smith, Promotion Certificate
- Randy Siniard, Promotion Certificate
- Willie Clark, On the Spot
- Pat Dwyer, On the Spot
- So Hui Smith, On the Spot
- Gina Downs, On the Spot
- Cynthia Gurley, Performance Award
- Ellen Richardson, Performance Award
- Geraldine Barber, Performance Award
- Pamela Owen, Performance Award
- Jamie Pepper, Performance Award
- Patricia Brewer, Performance Award
- Timothy Richmond, Performance Award
- William Grimmitt, Performance Award
- Patricia Hopper, Quality Increase
- Joyce Marion, Quality Increase
- Margaret Tipton, Quality Increase
- Millie Smith, Quality Increase

- Larry Moore, Special Act Award
- John Warden, Special Act Award
- J. Michael Achord, Special Act Award
- Robert Owen, Special Act Award
- James Pope, Special Act Award
- Felix Bivens, two Special Act Awards
- Mike Eison, Special Act Award
- Gerald Skidmore, Special Act Award
- William Gilchrist, Special Act Award
- Felicia Riggs Cook, Special Act Award
- Michael Nowakowski, Special Act Award
- William Varnon, Special Act Award
- Larry Hadwin, Special Act Award
- Alan Pope, Special Act Award
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Forging new tools the old-fashioned way...

Blacksmith hobbyist breathes life into history

Photos and story by
Sandy Riebeling

Monday through Friday, Larry Powitzky works in the Apache Systems Engineering Office. The tools for his job are common—a desk, telephone, fax machine and computer. His weekends are spent in a very different kind of office, where his desk is a forge and his tools are hammers, anvils, fire and steel.

Powitzky volunteers on

Saturdays and Sundays as a blacksmith interpreter at the Historic Park next to the Burritt Museum on Monte Sano Mountain.

"I've been interested in blacksmithing for probably 10 years," said Powitzky, who has attended classes on the trade. "When I got down here from St. Louis, I was doing a whole lot of nothing on the weekends. I came to the park and started talking with the interpreters, asking them

about the blacksmith shop."

The Historic Park, commonly referred to as Living History, is equipped with several period houses dating from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. It is a community recreation of sorts, staffed with volunteer interpreters, much like Powitzky, who dress in period costume and take the visitors back in time, explaining the homes, what daily living was like and performing tasks as they were done in the "olden" days.

The park's blacksmith shop was equipped with 150-year-old bellows, a stone forge and smaller tools—vises, anvils, tongs and files. What the shop didn't have was someone to bring it all to life.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to learn and it gave me a chance to actually work with the steel and try out the things I had learned in class," Powitzky said.

So Powitzky opened the shop in April and began making tools that were needed for the park.

"Their biggest, most immediate need was tools for the 12 fireplaces here—pokers, shovels, trivets and hooks."

Powitzky's first task was making S-hooks for hanging pots in the fireplace, used for

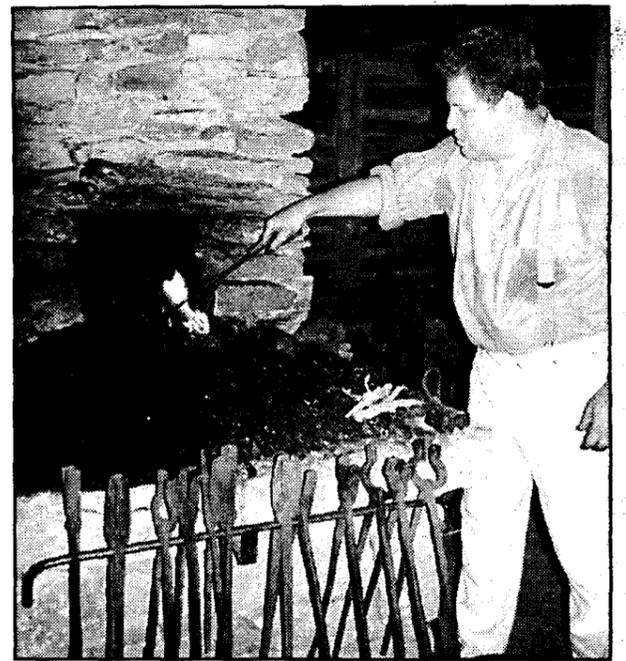
cooking demonstrations. He's also made pokers, tent spikes and candlestick holders to hang on the weaving looms so that the women can work in the evening hours by candlelight. Eventually he will make hinges and nails used to do repairs on some of the buildings.

"Things aren't always as easy as they look," Powitzky said. "And I'm very new at this. I have a lot of learning to do, but it's a lot of fun."

There is a special science to reshaping steel from long rods into usable tools. A blacksmith must be able to read temperatures from the color of the metal as it heats and cools. Hammer control, coordination and forethought are also extremely important.

"I love the history involved in blacksmithing," Powitzky said. "Learning how to make something that you can't go to the store and buy.

"I remember one kid that came into the shop and asked me what I was making," he said. "I showed him a hook in the wall and told him I was making something like that. He said, 'You didn't make that. You



TIMES GONE BY— Powitzky spends his weekends at this 1850s blacksmith shop as an interpreter for the Burritt Museum's Historic Park on Monte Sano Mountain.

went to the store and bought it.' I asked him where he thought the store would get something like that to sell and the boy didn't know what to think."

Powitzky considers himself lucky to be able to stand at a forge in the heat and smoke, teach the visitors, make the tools and hone his craft.

His only complaint is that he needs another pair of pants and his shoes don't quite fit the part of a 1850s blacksmith.

"I made the shirt, and

I'm making another one, but I could use a new pair of pants," he said.

Most of the interpreters make their own costumes, and some sew for the others. Workshops in the Historic Park cover a range of historic features which include costume clothing, broom making, basket weaving and cooking, harvesting and blacksmith demonstrations.

The park is open from March to December, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 536-2882.



HISTORIC INTERPRETERS— Herb Weeks, left, is one of two full-time interpreters for the Historic Park. His wife, Christine, works at AMCOM as a secretary in the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. With him are weekend volunteer interpreters Jerry Rogers, with his wife, Pam, who works in the Public Affairs Office at AMCOM.



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- **Recreation Center tickets**— The Recreation Center Ticket office now has tickets for Visionland Theme Park in Bessemer. Tickets for adults and those over 48-inches tall are \$19; tickets for children age 3 up to 48-inches tall are \$16.25. Please measure your child before purchasing tickets. Visionland features bumper cars, roller coasters, and a variety of amusement park rides as well as a water park. Be sure to take your swimsuit. The Recreation Center Ticket Office has tickets for Theatre 'Round the Corner's next production, "Greater Tuna." The play runs from July 24 through Aug. 15. Tickets are \$9 for Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday matinee; \$11 for Friday and Saturday and \$24 for dinner and theater (July 31 and Aug. 1 only). Stop by the Recreation Center, building 3711 Wednesday through Friday from 1:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call during the same hours at 876-4531 for more information.
- **Youth soccer**— Soccer registration for ages 3-18 years is open until Aug. 8. All active duty, retired military, DoD and contractor dependents are eligible to participate. The cost is \$20 per child and anyone may register at the Youth Center, Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 2 to 7: p.m. For more information, call 876-2255/5437.
- **Soccer clinic**— Youth Services and the Huntsville Fire Soccer Team will sponsor a free "Youth Soccer Clinic" Aug. 6 from 6-7:30 p.m. Ages 9-17 are encouraged to participate. All of the Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville community youth are invited to attend. Although the clinic is free, reservations are required. Youth interested need to stop by the Redstone Arsenal Youth Center (building 3148, off of Goss Road) to sign up. The clinic will be held on the Redstone Arsenal Youth soccer fields located at the corner of Goss and Skinner roads. Coach Scott Cooper and Huntsville Fire players will be on hand to demonstrate and teach various soccer skills. Sign up early to ensure your reservation. For more information, call 876-2255.

Just telling it like it is...

Comic pokes fun at everything except Mama, South

By Sandy Riebeling

Denise Tyler thought that once she made the move from St. Louis to Huntsville, her comedy career was over.

Tyler, a logistician for Integrated Materiel Management Center, was doing professional stand-up comedy seven nights a week in and around St. Louis before the relocation brought her to Huntsville.

"I worked at the Funny Bone, Sanford's, Catch a Rising Star," said Tyler, naming the popular comedy spots in St. Louis. "When I moved I thought it was all over."

Tyler has found a new home at Joe's House of Entertainment where she performs a stand-up routine about twice a month. In early July she auditioned for "Comic View," a cable show on the Black Entertainment channel.

"I think I've got a good shot," said Tyler, "because I saw the other people auditioning. They weren't very funny." Tyler says this laughingly.

Her professional comedy career began in 1991 when she and a few of her friends from work went to the Funny Bone Comedy Club.

"They were disgusted," Tyler said. "They didn't think the guy was funny at all."

Two weeks later, Tyler went back to the same club for open mike night. "I got up and did 10 minutes of my best material. Monday morning, people were calling me about it."

Not long after, a friend connected Tyler with the comedy club, Sanford's, and "once I started working there, that was it."

Tyler draws on real-life experience and the things that frustrate her most as material for her routines.

"I used to work at a welfare office," Tyler said. "My comedy is a little sarcastic—the cynical way I look at life and our relationships with other people."

And she isn't shy about telling it like it is.

"I would say that I am a heavily endowed woman,"

Tyler said. "I do talk about that in my routine, because of the attitudes I get everyday, and it's not just men, it's people's attitudes about people like me."

"I was talking about going swimming and some guy said, 'You go swimming?' I said, 'yes'. He said 'you mean you put on a swimming suit?' I just told him, 'If you don't want to see my fat butt in a bathing suit— don't look.'"

Tyler also makes it clear that there are subjects "off limits" in her routines.

"I don't talk about the South or my mama," said the New Orleans native. "Never, never joke about being from the South. The only things I find sacred are the South and my mama."

The irony is that Tyler's mother has never seen her perform live.

"She saw a tape once," said Tyler. "She said, 'You're funny. You're getting paid, but don't quit your federal job.'"

Tyler credits her success in great part to the support and encouragement of her co-workers.

"They have been really great. They keep me going. They aren't going to get a cut of the money or anything, but I do give them a lot of credit for my success," she said, also giving praise to local comic and promoter "Raw Dog" Rollins who has kept her working.

Stage fright for Tyler only comes when "it's important to me. Like the audition for Comic View. The opportunity to be on TV."

The toughest times on stage, according to Tyler, is when she has to perform



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

WON'T QUIT HER DAY JOB— Tyler is a federal employee by day and a professional comic at night. She performs frequently at Joe's House of Entertainment in Huntsville.

after several bad comedians in a row.

"You can smell the hate," she said. "You've got 100 people sitting there for an hour listening to unfunny comics—the air is thick with hate. There is no love when you walk out there. It's your responsibility to make them change their minds. You've got 10-15-20 minutes to live or die."

As much as she enjoys comedy and performing, it's very much a job to Tyler. "I am a single full-time mother, full-time federal worker, full-time student," she said. "Comedy is a good part-time job for me. My 9-year-old son wants the Volcano Blowout Nintendo 64 and it has to come from somewhere other than the rent, telephone bill and light bill bud-

get. This pays pretty good for the amount of time I have to work. It's maybe not as steady as working at Wal-Mart 20 hours a week, but it pays better and leaves me more time with my son."

When asked about chucking it all and doing comedy full time, Tyler laughs.

"Well, sure, if I'm making the money all the time but that's a long way off. I could wind up being a starving artist, but my son can't."

Although money is important, Tyler does perform for charity events and fund-raisers, saying that it's not all about money.

"Comedy gives me an opportunity to vent some of my frustrations. It's great therapy."

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"I think our organizations (at AMCOM) have really taken the bit in their teeth and have done an extremely good job on fixing and testing the systems," Finafrock said. "The only concern is the amount of documentation required to support the certification process for headquarters, Department of the Army. It is envisioned that if we put all the certification documents together at one time we would fill a rental truck with boxes and boxes of certification documents to support that process."

Deadlines in 1998

Finafrock said he is confident AMCOM will meet the deadlines for the year 2000 compliance. The "fix" deadline is Sept. 30, 1998 and the testing and certification deadline is Dec. 31, 1998.

"The leadership provided by Maj. Gen. (Emmitt) Gibson, his SES deputies, Col. (Clifton) Broderick

who has served as the program executive officer for the Y2K task force, and all of our organizational heads will ensure these tasks are completed correctly and on time," Finafrock said. "We expect we'll meet all the DA and AMC imposed deadlines."

Assigned task

The effort here began in June 1996 after a tasking from headquarters Army Materiel Command and Department of the Army to ensure that managers were aware of the potential year 2000 problem.

"We have completed the inventory and assessment phases of the project," Finafrock said. "We are nearing completion of the fix phase and we expect nearly everything we're responsible for will be fixed by Sept. 30, '98; and that the associated testing and certification, that anything that required fixing has been fixed and tested, will be complete by Dec. 31,

'98.

"Now calendar year '99 is the year of integrated testing throughout the Army. And we expect that that year will be dedicated to the integrated testing of our weapon systems on the battlefield and that our hardware and software along with our business systems will be tested on an integrated basis with the central design activities of AMC. This initiative will flush out anything that is not truly fixed, permitting us to fix the systems and equipment prior to the millennium."

Just about every organization at AMCOM is involved in the various target areas which are called staff leads. These include information technology infrastructure, business systems, weapon and support systems, training devices and simulation equipment, analytical systems, intelligence systems, and facilities and base operations.



Photo by Bill Richardson

ASMC Luncheon...

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer receives an appreciation award from Ron Lloyd, first vice president of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, at the group's luncheon July 9. Spencer was the guest speaker and also presented a plaque to the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter for ASMC's community involvement, proclaiming the day as ASMC Day for the City of Huntsville.

ROCK CITY

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views and millenniums-old geologic formations, were created in 1932 by Garnet and Frieda Carter. A self-paced walking trail leads you through the more than 400 species of plants that make up the garden. Along the way you will visit a bird-watching habitat, pass through sometimes narrow rock formations, walk on a swinging bridge, and visit Lover's Leap. A free guide that you can pick up before you start identifies points of interest along the way.

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night. I get up, write it down, and go back to sleep."

Pollard says the feedback from his friends keeps him motivated.

"I let my friends read my stuff. I know when they like it, it's OK. They don't like that mushy, mushy stuff," he said, adding that one friend liked a love poem so much, he asked Pollard if he could have it to give to his wife on their anniversary.

As for the future, Pollard is just enjoying the ride. He would someday like to write a song or poem about his children, Charles, Teresa and Nicole.

And the advice he lives by?

"If you want to do something, don't just talk about it, or put it on a shelf for later. All of us have some kind of hidden talent. Let it come out. And if you ever get some negative vibes from anyone, just push it aside and keep on going."

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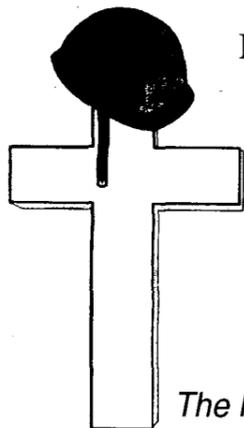


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Increase in Montgomery GI Bill payments approved

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The president signed the legislation June 9, approving the increase in benefits.

The benefit to full-time students will increase from \$439.85 monthly to \$528 for active duty enrollees with three years' service. Total payments for the 36-month maximum will increase from \$15,834 to \$19,008. The rate for enrollees with two years' service goes from \$357.38 monthly to \$429, or an increase from \$12,865.68 to \$15,444.

Vietnam-era GI Bill enrollees who converted to

the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty Program will see their monthly rates increase to \$716, or a maximum of \$25,776. Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve trainees get an increase to \$251, or a maximum total of \$9,036.

Other veterans benefits improved under the law taking effect Oct. 1 include:

- A one-time allowance for disabled veterans needing modified controls or wheelchair lifts for an automobile increases to a maximum of \$8,000.
- A one-time specialty adapted housing grant for disabled veterans who have lost, or lost the use of, both lower extremities increased to \$43,000.
- The special housing adaptation grant for veterans who are blind, or have

lost or lost the use of both hands increases to \$8,250.

- A \$50 monthly increase in pensions paid to low income veterans in need of regular aid and attendance.

The law also repeals a 1990 law that permanently ended eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation for a veteran's survivor who remarries. The pre-1990 policy will allow survivor benefits to be restored if the survivor's remarriage ends. (From a Department of Veterans Affairs release)

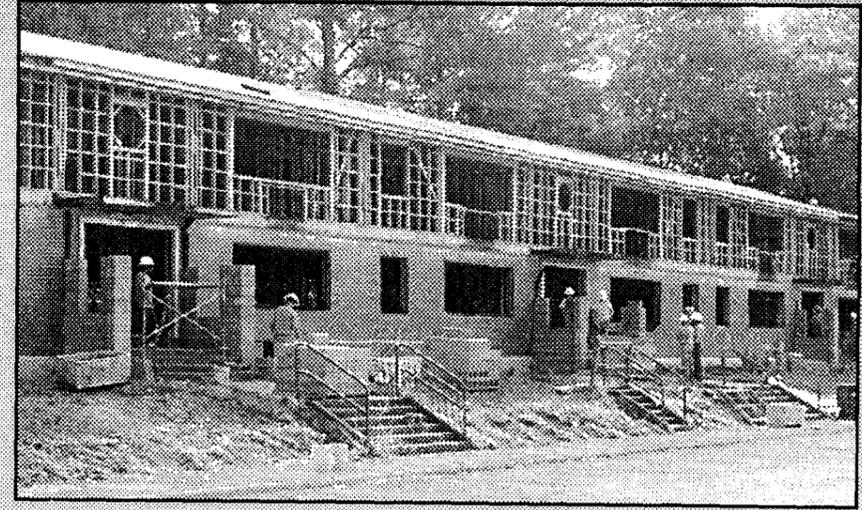


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Renovation project...

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Health Matters

Physical exams

Fox Army Health Center will offer courtesy physical examinations to all military retirees and their beneficiaries, to include those over age 65, on Sept. 11. Included will be CBC, Urinalysis, Lipid Profile, Electrolytes, EKG, a PSA for men, a chest X-ray for smokers, and an examination by a clinician. No medications, refills, or treatment of illness will be performed. Any problems identified will be referred to the participant's primary physician. Limited appointments are available; first come, first served. Appointment scheduling will begin Aug. 3 at 8 a.m. Call 876-4935 to schedule an appointment.

Alcoholics anonymous

A new group for Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For more information, call the AA central office 885-0323. The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

Pediatric clinic

The Pediatric Clinic at Fox Army Health Center will give walk-in immunizations for back to school, daycare, and camps from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 29-31. Alabama Immunization Cards (blue cards) will be issued. Patients requiring physicals will need to schedule a routine appointment. For more information call 955-8888, extension 44.

Evening clinic

The hours of operation for the Evening Weekend Clinic at Fox Army Health Center are 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. No walk-in appointments are available. If you have an emergency, dial 911. Appointments are scheduled by calling the Triage Nurse 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531. Triage advice nurses are available 24 hours a day.

Miscellaneous

NCO graduations

The NCO Academy will hold a graduation ceremony for the Basic NCO Course at 9 this morning in the graduation hall of building 3329. The public is invited. For more information, call 955-7954.... A graduation ceremony for the Advanced/Basic NCO Course will be held at 9 a.m., Aug. 7, in the graduation hall of building 3329.

Ten-Miler team

Redstone Arsenal will again be represented by a team at the 14th annual Army Ten-Miler, Oct. 11 in Washington, D.C. The team is to consist of five males and five females plus coach, Skip Vaughn, and assistant coach, Alexander Steel. Team members must meet minimum time standards of 80 minutes for males and 90 minutes for females. Eligible persons include military, Army civilian workers, military family members, and Army civilian family members. They should be stationed here at least through December. A tryouts is planned for 5 a.m. Saturday on a 10-mile course which begins and ends near the Sparkman Fitness

Center. For more information, call Vaughn 876-1500.

Videotapes wanted

AMCOM Public Affairs Office will be collecting videotapes of movies you no longer want at the Army Soldier Show, today prior to the 2 and 7 p.m. performances. Tapes will be donated to the Veterans Affairs Department and distributed to various Alabama veteran homes and hospitals for their use. Tapes will also be donated to Hope Place, Madison City Shelter for victims of domestic violence. For more information, call Margaret Banish-Donaldson 842-0558.

Mr. Man pageant

The eighth annual "Mr. Man Premiere," a Samuel Brown Production, will be held at 8 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Marriott Hotel. Proceeds are to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Alabama. The male contestants are to compete "in style, finesse, performance and personality for the honorable title of Mr. Man." Tickets, which cost \$15, should be available Aug. 1 until sell-out at Randall Formal Wear, Madison Avenue Fashions, Regions Bank (Redstone Branch), and COSMOS Fitness. For more information on this semiformal event, call (256) 233-4702 or 650-7736.

Night out

The 10th annual Redstone Arsenal celebration of "National Night Out," America's Night Out Against Crime, will be held 6-10 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Youth Services Center on Goss Road. This year's theme is "Police-Community Partnerships." Games, food, displays, entertainment, prize giveaways and other events are planned for the evening. For more information, call Sgt. Melynda Dugdale 955-9142 or 876-2222.

Commissary day

The Commissary will be closed Aug. 19 for the annual Employee's Organizational Day. This event affords the opportunity for commissary employees to receive needed training and to socialize and enjoy a day of fun-filled events that serve to build morale and team spirit.

Welfare donations

July 31 is the current deadline for non-profit organizations to request contributions from the Thrift Shop. Requests must specify what the money is needed for, name and address of the requesting party, and a telephone number. Requests can be addressed to the Thrift Shop, welfare chairman, building 3657, Redstone Arsenal 35898 or faxed to 881-9807.

Triathlon

The fifth annual Rocketman Triathlon, benefiting the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program, will be held at the Col. Hudson Recreation Area at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 30. The distances will be a half-mile swim, 13.2 mile bike, 3.2 mile run. Competition will be held for individuals, teams, and military. Volunteers are needed. Entry forms are now available at local running stores, bicycle stores, pools, and the military and civilian gyms on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Bob Mulkey 883-7399 in the evenings or e-mail at UTCMOCS@webtv.net.

Hunter safety course

The Outdoor Recreation Branch is offering

the Alabama Hunter Safety Course. Youths and adults may attend this class; however, youths must be 10 years old by Nov. 14, 1998. The class dates are Aug. 1 at the Post Theater, Aug. 15 at Outdoor Recreation (building 5132), and Aug. 29 at the Recreation Center (building 3711). 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, call Bill Kerlin at Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/1373.

Newcomers orientation

New arrivals at Redstone can learn more about the area by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation. The free event will be held Aug. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at building 3447, RASA Development Center. "Attendance is mandatory for all (newly arrived) active-duty military permanently assigned to Redstone," a prepared release said. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is offered at the Child Development Center during the orientation. The child's shot records and registration are required. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a bus tour of Redstone. For

more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, at 876-5397.

Internet workshop

Association for Electronic Business will hold a workshop on "Web Based Technology (How the Internet Impacts Your Business)" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at Intergraph Corp., building 12, Highway 20, Madison. Sessions include distance learning, CM/DM, Virtual Reality; Web Based Development- CIC presenting Government Trak; and Commercial Electronic Business. Cost is \$35. To register call Charissa Watson of LME Corp., 885-0023.

Meet the military

Find out what it's really like to be in the Army at AMCOM's fourth annual Meet the Military Day, Friday, from 1-4 p.m. in and around the soldiers living quarters, building 3496. Talk to soldiers, see special weapons and air defense systems, try on a protective mask, learn physical fitness standards and hold an M16 rifle. For more information, call SFC Gordon 842-2631 or 876-9328.



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Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be Aug. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is LeRoy Daniels, civilian personnel officer. Cost is \$8 for members and \$9 for non-members. For reservations, call Janet Sierra 955-3890.

Retired officers

"Hospice Family Care" is the topic for The Retired Officers Association meeting at the Redstone Arsenal Club (formerly Officers Club) today at 11. Program presenter, Sharon Ball, is a registered nurse, hospice educator. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

Briefing for industry

The annual Joint Advance Planning Briefing for Industry three-day conference will address the complete spectrum of long range needs for Army aviation and missile technology requirements. More than 400 contractors and sub-contractors will meet with key leaders, scientists and engineers responsible for the life cycle of aviation and missile technology systems within AMCOM, Space and Missile Defense Command, and the Program Executive Offices for Air and Missile Defense, Aviation and Tactical Missiles. For more information on the conference July 28-30 at the Sparkman Center, call Tammy Williams 876-4270.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for July include Capt. and Mrs. Oscar Rivera, 442 Simpson Drive, officer; SFC and Mrs. Mark May, 316 Hughes Drive, senior NCO; SSgt. and Mrs. Richard Nyman, 1365-B Lacrosse Drive, junior enlisted single/duplex; and SSgt. and Mrs. James Ross, 525-A Magnolia Circle, enlisted multiplex. The unit winner was NCO Academy, building 3480.

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ACS open house

Celebrating 33 years of community service, the Army Community Service staff invites the public to attend an ACS open house at 2 p.m. Friday at building 3491, Honest John Road. For more information, call 876-5397.

German summerfest

Friends of German Culture will have its annual Summerfest at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Monte Sano pool. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children age 12 and under. Mail your check to Walter Jacobi, 4119 Panorama Drive, Huntsville, Ala., 35801 to arrive by Aug. 8. Also, the Monte Sano Homeowners Regulations require a \$2 per person cash entrance fee payable upon entering the park.

Hockey signups

Huntsville Amateur Hockey Association, Senior Open League Fall Registration is scheduled Aug. 2, 9 and 16 from 4-6 p.m. at the Ice Complex at 3185 Leeman Ferry Road. Divisions for ages 18 or older include I (intermediate/advanced) and II (recreational). Cost is \$120 plus the yearly insurance of \$25. For more information call Ken Robinson 498-3581 or 313-0791, or Rick Brouillette 721-3968.

Worship service

The Protestant Worship Service, conducted by the ministry team at OMMCS, is held on Sundays at 11 a.m. at the auditorium in Toftoy Hall, building 3495. Everyone is invited.

Military personnel

Personnel from DA, PERSCOM EPMD will visit Redstone Arsenal on Aug. 12-13. Soldiers in CMF 35/55 are encouraged to attend one of the following briefings: 9 a.m. Aug. 12, 1 p.m. Aug. 12, and one-on-one appointments Aug. 13. To schedule, call SFC Augustus 842-6870.

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'89 Pontiac 6000 LE. 4 dr., air, AM/FM cassette, good cond., must sell. \$2,800 obo. 837-0776.

'87 Ford Taurus. White, V6 engine, pwr. everything, air, AM/FM, runs great. \$2,200. 650-0560 after 5 pm.

'86 Audi 500S. Auto, air, PS, PW, sunroof, cruise, AM/FM cassette, clean, good driver. Lots of spare parts. Must sell. \$2,295. George, 461-0022.

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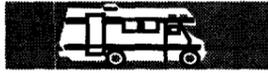
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