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## Most Huey helicopters returning to sky after exam

### Three-fourths of the fleet pass vibration test since grounding

By Skip Vaughn

Six months have passed since the Army decided to ground its Huey helicopter fleet because of vibrating engines in some.

Now most of the UH-1 helicopters have returned to the air after testing to ensure their safety. Some 927 aircraft were tested since April; 734 passed and 193 failed this vibration test.

Those that passed have returned to the air under flight restrictions pending installation of coded spur gears as extra insurance. The operational restrictions will be lifted as these gears are installed over the next few months.

Plans are to start fixing the vibrating engines on the 193 grounded helicopters by mid-1999. This means installing a new N2 carrier drive assembly and a nose reduction gear box.

"We've come a long ways since that grounding," Wally Newcomb, the assistant project manager for utility helicopters, said. The Utility Helicopter Project Office, under AMCOM's Deputy for Systems Acquisition, manages both the Black Hawk and Huey.

The Army grounded its Huey fleet March 28 because of previous incidents involving the failure of the N2 spur gear,



File photo

**VERSATILE BIRD—** Huey provides combat service support, medical evacuation, command and control, and transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies.

which is housed in the carrier drive assembly of the Huey's T-53-L-13 engine. At the time of the grounding notice, the Aviation and Missile Command notified Army UH-1 units that the spur gear failures were due to excessive vibrations.

"The vibration turns out to come from the nose reduction gear box," Newcomb said. In addition to the structural fixes, the Army is modifying its maintenance practices to

prevent future problems with Hueys.

Huey, which was built by Bell Helicopter, has served the Army since the early 1960s and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. It provides combat service support, medical evacuation, command and control, and transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies.

Huey has a maximum gross weight of 9,500 pounds, can travel about 110 knots,

and can carry 11 passengers plus crew. The active-duty Army and National Guard fleet of 900-plus is expected to shrink to 741 over the next two years.

"The object of the Black Hawk was to replace the Huey in the fleet," Newcomb said of the original modernization plan. "The Army cannot afford to buy all of the Black Hawks that they would like to buy in order to replace the Huey."

As a result some, but not all, of the Hueys are being replaced by Black Hawk. Some 700 or more Hueys are expected to remain in the fleet through year 2015 and beyond.

"The Huey doesn't have the same capabilities as Black Hawk but those missions it can do, it does them pretty well. It does them inexpensively relatively," Newcomb said.

A utility fleet assessment study, looking at the entire utility helicopter fleet and its future, is under way and should be finished by the end of this year.

Eleven members of the project office work exclusively on Huey. These include core workers and collocated matrix support people from the Integrated Materiel Management Center and the Aviation Research Development and Engineering Center. Jim Reisel serves as the fleet manager; Charlie Elkins works aircraft and engine maintenance; and system engineering is provided by Ralph Vemmer, Steve Monaco and Steve Riebeling.

### Overcoming the odds...

## Women's Equality event cites outstanding achievements

By Sandy Riebeling

On the cusp of the new millennium, women are still struggling against the odds, to not only meet the acceptable standards in a male dominated work force for equal pay, but to exceed them. And they are succeeding.

Fourteen women and two men were honored at the Women's Equality Day program held Aug. 26 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The program was designed to recognize outstanding government employees, with the hope that others will be enlightened and inspired by their accomplishments.

Guest speaker Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer applauded the efforts by both men and women to see that equality in the work force is becoming a reality.

"I have tried to, through the years, encourage the opportunity of men and

women working together. Because as a team, we can offer so much," Spencer said. "One of the first things I was able to say when I went into office is that I am paid the same as any man."

The event also celebrated women's achievements throughout history, highlighting the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, passed in 1920, which allowed women the right to vote.

Spencer shared her admiration for the military and those who serve, both men and women, adding that Redstone Arsenal is an essential part of the Huntsville community.

Those receiving awards for Federal Women's Program Outstanding Woman of the Year for outstanding achievement, exceptional performance and commitment in the federal service included:

- Vivian E. Christian, chief, Business Management Office, Corporate Information Center, Aviation and Missile



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**CONGRATULATIONS—** Maxine Maples, center, PEO, Air and Missile Defense, presented Elliot, right, with a career achievement award at the Federal Women's Program. DeeDee Garner, a friend of Elliot, was there to share the moment.

- Command;
- Diane L. Jernigan, protocol officer, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School;
- Paulette D. Myers, chief, Systems Integration Division, Asset Visibility Center, Logistics Support Activity;
- Patricia Schell, lead medical clerk,

- Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic;
- Katherine Thrasher, computer specialist, Directorate of Engineering, Army Engineering and Support Center.

Those receiving awards for Federal Women's Program Outstanding Career

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## Letters To The Editor

### Showed concern

On Monday morning, Aug. 24, a security check was being done at gate 9. Needless to say this had traffic backed up on Rideout Road and the exits from I-565. As I sat there waiting to move, I thought the car in front of me had a real exhaust problem. Then I noticed that this wasn't the usual exhaust smell but more like rubber burning. Pulling over to the side of the road and opening my hood I saw that the smell was from the rubber in my engine compartment—I had an engine fire. Now this bit of news in itself would not warrant a letter to the editor. But the fact that so many "strangers," men and women I had never seen before, made calls on cell phones to report the fire, stopped to see what the problem was, and if they could help. And help they did. These "strangers" didn't just watch, they carried dirt to put out the fire and then asked if there was anything else they could do. Even after traffic had cleared and I was waiting for a tow truck, people would stop to see if I needed any help. I again just want to thank all of the people whose efforts and concern helped keep this from becoming a real disaster. This showed me that the employees of the Redstone community are concerned for others and it was shown by actions, not just words.

Ray Boles

### Food prices

Reference the letter to the editor in the Aug. 19 Rocket concerning the price of food at the Sparkman Center Cafeteria. Mr. Bullen stated that the price of food in the Sparkman Center Cafeteria had only increased 10 percent since it opened four years ago. Examples of price increases are:

- Original— Sparky, one-half portion of any meat, two vegetables and bread, \$2.99. Now— Light Combo, one-half portion of select meat, two vegetables and bread, \$3.55.
- Original— Soup in large Styrofoam bowl, 99 cents. Now— Soup in shallow glass bowl, \$1.45.
- Original— Small salad from Salad Bar, \$2.25. Now— Small salad from Salad Bar, \$3.25.

Mr. Bullen may pay utilities, but he does not pay rent. He is provided a facility and equipment to include maintenance and repair at no cost. Mr. Bullen should recalculate the percent of price increases and his profit. Apparently, he needs a new calculator.

Name withheld by request

### Share the road

Critical Mass will not work. Although I have long been an advocate of bicyclist rights to use public roads—and I still am—I do not believe Critical Mass will achieve this goal.

Critical Mass is a form of protest whereby cyclists assemble in large numbers (critical mass) and ride in a block to displace automobiles on public roads. Cyclists typically run red lights and stop signs in order to keep cars off the roadway. Such behavior is not only illegal, but it angers every motorist against cyclists. You may have seen the picture of a Critical Mass protest ride and article in The Huntsville Times last week.

Someone once said, "The reason motor vehicle riders won't recognize cyclist rights is they don't even like each other, let alone bicycle riders." With increasing reports of Road Rage, this may be closer to the source of the problem than ever before. I know from my experience of bicycle commuting to work and riding many cross-state bicycle rides that motor vehicle drivers treat me better when I am on my bicycle than when I am driving a car.

Most Huntsville drivers—more than 50 percent—are excellent drivers. They not only obey Alabama's liberal traffic laws, but they really drive safe. They keep two seconds behind the vehicle ahead instead of the 20 feet per 10 mph (1.4 seconds) required by Alabama law. They seldom pass on the right (legal in Alabama) and when they do, they do so with care. They turn their lights on at the slightest sign of mist or reduced visibility. Excellent drivers are no threat to cyclists.

Almost all the remaining drivers—about 40 percent—are good drivers. They at least obey the liberal traffic laws. Good drivers are no threat to cyclists.

About 10 percent are careless drivers. They don't mean to be aggressive, but they carelessly drift too close behind another car. They wander from lane to lane without either looking or signaling. They talk on cellular phones, drink coffee, shave, even put on make up while driving. Unfortunately, many Huntsville police officers fall into this category. Careless drivers are some threat to cyclists.

A small fraction of 1 percent of Huntsville drivers are genuinely aggressive. They deliberately follow too close—sometimes only a few feet—behind other vehicles and use angry blasts of their horn in an attempt to intimidate other drivers. They swerve from lane to lane with no signal and less than adequate clearance. They do not hesitate to use shoulders or turn lanes for their own personal fast lane. Their ego is more important to them than your life or even their own.

Aggressive drivers are a serious threat to cyclists and a frequent cause of Road Rage.

While Critical Mass may help get the attention of a few careless drivers, this protest form will never sway aggressive drivers in favor of cyclists' rights to use the road. Critical Mass protests will inconvenience all drivers and likely will alienate drivers who would have otherwise been willing to share the road.

I urge all cyclists to ride legally and courteously on public roads. I also urge all motorists to share the road with cyclists as Alabama law dictates.

Morton Archibald  
Ride director,  
Bicycle Across Magnificent  
Alabama (BAMA)

### Post security

This is my first letter to the editor of the Redstone Rocket, but I believe the it is way past due. I would like to address the security on this military installation. I have seen during my 17 years here on Redstone, the security of this installation become what can only be defined as minimal.... The soldier in the field protects us from terrorism; the least we can do is provide them a safe environment here at home.

Hal Meadows  
Redstone Fire Emergency Services

(Editor's note: Security is among the priorities of this installation and the gates are manned in order to adequately protect the Redstone community. In view of recent world events, security has been heightened.)

### Paybanding vote

The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1858 members will hold their monthly meeting on Sept. 14 at the Sparkman Auditorium beginning at 5:30 p.m. It is expected that the DoD Acquisition Corps Personnel Demonstration Project will be discussed and possibly a vote on whether or not to authorize Local officials to enter into negotiations on an implementation plan for the DoD Acquisition Corps Personnel Demonstration Project. All SMDC, PEO-TM, PEO-AMD, LOGSA and former MICOM bargaining unit employees are invited and encouraged to attend; however, only dues-paying members will be permitted to vote on any issues brought before the Local body.

James R. Brothers  
President,  
AFGE Local 1858

### Preventative maintenance advised...

## Unconfirmed damage claims for computers don't usually compute

By Pat Cross

Computers are sensitive and do not last forever. Parts and batteries wear out or develop loose connections; disks and drives develop bad sectors over time. When a computer accumulates enough internal problems, it stops working. If this occurs following a government-sponsored move, the claimant may genuinely believe that rough handling in transit damaged the computer.

Rough handling in transit is sometimes the cause of a computer problem. However, inadequate maintenance, computer

defects, static electricity, temperature fluctuations and airborne contaminants also affect the operation of a computer. The following is a list of situations where damage is due to normal usage, not moving.

- Temperature changes to a computer are caused by usage. This condition exists by turning on and off the computer.
- Power supply and memory boards such as memory chips "creep" as the computer heats and cools when the computer is turned off and on.

The components gradually work their way out of their sockets as the metal around them expands and contracts, loos-

ening the glue to connections and corroding the joint.

- Many "blown" power supplies are a result of a failed solder joint or a transistor that burned out when separated from its heat sink because of expansion and contraction.
- Repeated heating and cooling cause hairline cracks.
- Heating and cooling will cause a hard drive to write data to different locations. The drive will cease to track data where it is written.
- Tightening the screws too much on one of these drives can distort the physical

shape and cause data to go to the wrong file location.

- Marginal components manufactured poorly may not work because the hard drive refuses to reboot.

Preventative maintenance may reduce the possibility of the aforementioned problems.

Due to the fact that some computer parts are intended to be thrown away, rather than be repaired, many repair shops will not take the time and trouble needed to determine what caused the problem. Knowing

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Courthouse hall...

# Military heroes have a place in history and Huntsville

By Sandy Riebeling

America is a nation born of war. From the very beginning of our history, men and women offered their service, and many times their very lives, for the causes of freedom, justice, liberation and humanity. And through the fighting, heroes emerged.

As a way to honor heroes decorated with medals for Acts of Valor or the Purple Heart, the Military Heritage Commission of Madison County created the Hall of Heroes in 1975, housed in the lobby of the Madison County Courthouse.

The names of more than 500 men and women from Madison County are included in the permanent display which holds each of the 16 medals that are given to members of the Armed Forces for Acts of Valor.

The Heritage Commission updates the list with new inductees from Madison County each year at a Veterans Day celebration in the Courthouse.

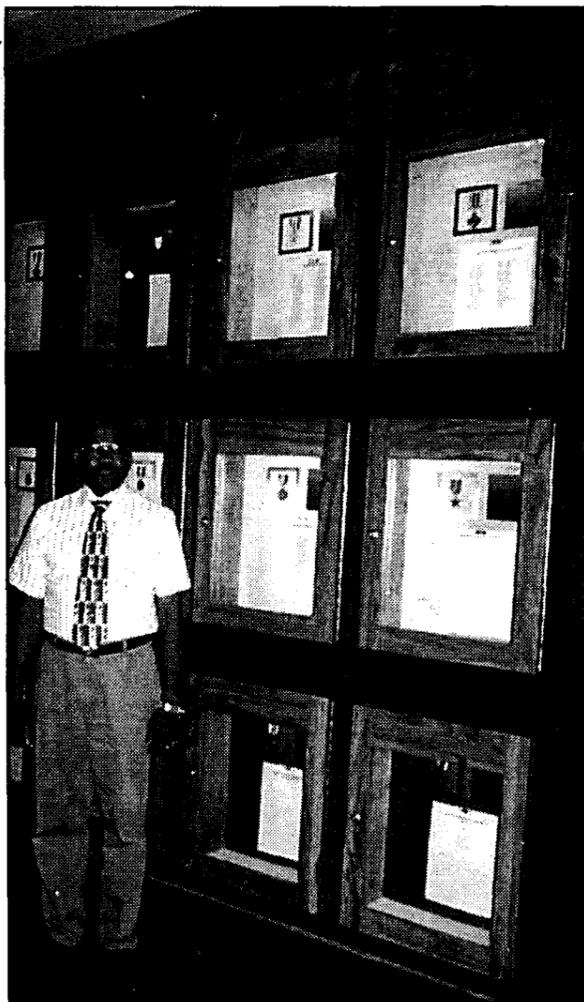
"We have four new inductees for this year so far, but we are hoping for

more," Steve Ray, president of the commission, said. "Last year we had 12. Anyone interested in making application can contact Bill Clough. He can help with the documentation. Deadline for application is Oct. 1."

Also included in the lobby is a unique display of decorations, service medals and awards of the Military Armed Forces, including when each was established and the criteria for which it is awarded. It is the only known complete collection of its kind in America.

"We have three Medal of Honor winners in the Hall of Heroes," said Al Rose, Heritage Commission board member and senior vice commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. "It is a great way to recognize those who were called on or volunteered for service for their country, and did it with distinction."

The Medal of Honor was created by Congress during the Civil War. In 1905, Congress established the Certificate of Merit Medal and in 1918, authorized several more decorations to commemorate achievement



WALL OF HONOR— Lighted display cases line the Courthouse hallway, honoring military heroes from all branches of the service. Rose's name is listed on the wall for the Soldier's Medal and the Bronze Star with a "V."

Photo by Sandy Riebeling

of World War I. Thus began the system of individual decorations that has the

Medal of Honor at its peak and following with all other awards for valor, achievement and service.

Honoree names in the Hall of Heroes include those who have received one or more of the 16 "valor" medals, for heroic deeds at the risk of life, over and above the call of duty. The Hall of Heroes includes the names of recipients of the Order of the Purple Heart, of those wounded or killed by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

"All gave some," said Rose, "some gave all. Remembering those people in the Hall of Heroes is a way to recognize, not boast, and honor those veterans."

Rose, who works in the Weapon Systems Directorate, Deputy for Systems Acquisition at AMCOM, is a three-time inductee into the Hall of Heroes, once as a Purple Heart recipient and twice under the valor medals.

In an effort to keep the heritage alive, the Heritage Commission is sponsoring a "Mission of the Millennium" contest, inviting all war veterans to tell their

stories, including memoirs, memorabilia and mementos from 1776 to 1997, air, land and sea. There are several topics offered in this category of the contest.

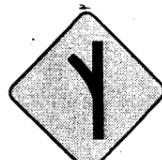
The second category for the contest is an essay portion on military heritage and what the young people should know about it.

Deadline to enter the contest is Sept. 17. Medals will be awarded for the top three entries in each category. For more information, call 882-3663.

The Military Heritage Commission of Madison County will be sponsoring a Veterans Day parade on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. (The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month commemorating the end of World War I, the war to end all wars.)

After the parade, there will be a ceremony at the Courthouse to induct the new members into the Hall of Heroes.

For information about requirements for induction or who is eligible, call Bill Clough, state veterans affairs representative, at 532-1662.

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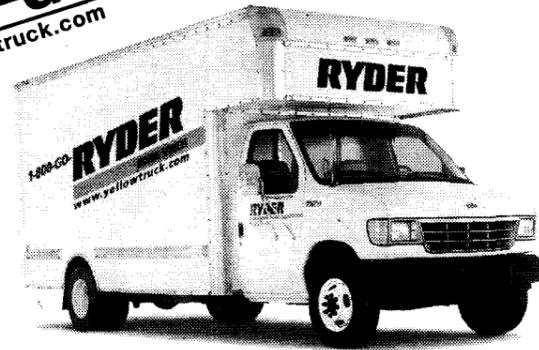
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Exceeding \$25 million...

# Construction contract awarded for software engineering

The Aviation and Missile Command has announced the award of a \$25,945,228 contract to Universal Construction Company, Huntsville, for the construction of a new building here.

The new building, originally described as the Missile Software Engineering Annex Construction Project, will, when completed, combine with AMCOM's current Software Engineering Directorate to form the Life Cycle Software Engineering Center (LCSEC) on Hackberry Road near the Airfield.

The contractor is expect-

ed to begin work by mid-September. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 19.

Construction of the facility is scheduled to be completed by August 2000, with full occupancy projected for that October.

Under the contract, Universal Construction Company will build a 182,300 square-foot structure for 660 employees, who are currently working in trailers and buildings here, as well as leased space in the surrounding area.

The facility will be adja-

cent to the current Software Engineering Directorate. When completed the entire LCSEC will encompass 292,300 square feet and house 960 employees.

The LCSEC's computer labs will be used to assure that the Army's tactical equipment and components are both compatible and capable of operating with other equipment and components. This enhanced capability will reduce the development and validation times and costs for Army equipment and components.



Photo from JLENS Project

## Quarterly honoree...

Stella Moore, center, is the "Employee of the Quarter" for the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System (JLENS) Project Office at the Space and Missile

Defense Command. Making the presentation are Marilyn Fratangelo, chairman of the award committee, and Col. Herbert Carr, JLENS project manager.

# Combined federal campaign ready for October kickoff

Each year federal workers in the Tennessee Valley show the surrounding community how much they care about needy people.

They do this by giving to the Combined Federal Campaign which benefits non-profit health and welfare agencies. The 1998 CFC, with a goal of \$1,462,000, is scheduled Oct. 5 through Nov. 13.

"Caring is Sharing" is the slogan for this year's campaign.

The CFC kickoff celebration will be held Oct. 5 at the Sparkman Auditorium. And the CFC awards celebration is scheduled

Dec. 9 at the same place.

Some 1,169 national and international charities and 142 local charities are listed in this year's campaign brochure. The 1997 campaign raised \$1,461,579.

"Your CFC office has been busy preparing for the 1998 CFC campaign, but will be even busier during the next few weeks," a prepared release said.

The CFC staff offered the following thought for the week: "There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

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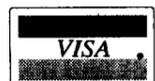
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Concerning benefits...

# Council co-chair urges military retirees to make noise

By Sandy Riebeling

One of the chief reasons Lawrence Welcome Jr. joined the Redstone Arsenal Military Retiree Advisory Council in 1985 and has remained an active member is because their concerns are his concerns.

"Before I retired back in 1985, I asked what the council was all about," Welcome said. "What they talk about, the PX (Post Exchange), the Commissary, medical and health services and other services that retirees can utilize here at Redstone, that all affects me."

Welcome, 56, has spent most of his life in government service. He joined the Army in 1963, served two tours in Vietnam, two tours in Korea and two in Germany and was stationed across the states with two tours at Redstone. He trained in aviation and with the Hawk missile system during his career.

When he retired in 1985, he realized that the many benefits promised to him in the early days had dwindled or in some cases, disappeared all together.

"I wanted to know what was happening with my benefits and needed to stay informed about all the changes," Welcome said. "The system has changed so many times. People should write their congressmen and representatives

and tell them how they feel about the issues concerning military retirees."

In 1991, Welcome was asked to become a member of the Chief of Staff Army Retiree Council, a four-year office which took him to the Pentagon once a year to discuss issues and gather information to bring back to the local area.

"They (DA retiree council) dealt with Armywide problems, regulation changes, the things that affected everybody," he said. "Here, we keep people informed on the issues and the changes that have taken place. We try to get answers for people who have questions. We also listen to complaints and try to get problems worked out."

Redstone's retiree council has subcouncils in Marshall County, the greater Shoals area and Jackson County. These councils come together with members from Redstone once a quarter to hear questions and work through problems addressed to the council.

"We have committees to handle complaints from the members," Welcome said. "There's a PX committee, hospital committee, golf committee, commissary committee and others so that problems can be worked through by the proper committee. If people have complaints, we try to get things solved."

Health benefits are the

biggest concern facing retirees today, according to Welcome. Health care provider plans have changed over the past few years creating confusion. Retirees are disappointed in the services and coverage they receive compared to what they were promised.

"We all have to keep trying to get better services, that's all we can do," Welcome said. "Write and call and e-mail the people making the decisions. I'm going to be doing more e-mailing to express my thoughts and opinions."

Retiree support is another of Welcome's concerns— support for the retirees from lawmakers and citizens and support from within the retired military community. One of the responsibilities of the council is to plan a retiree day each year for Redstone Arsenal and the surrounding areas.

Retiree Activity Day is set for Sept. 12 at the Sparkman Auditorium beginning at 8 a.m. It's a day that all the military retirees and their family members along with those thinking of retiring in the near future may want to attend.

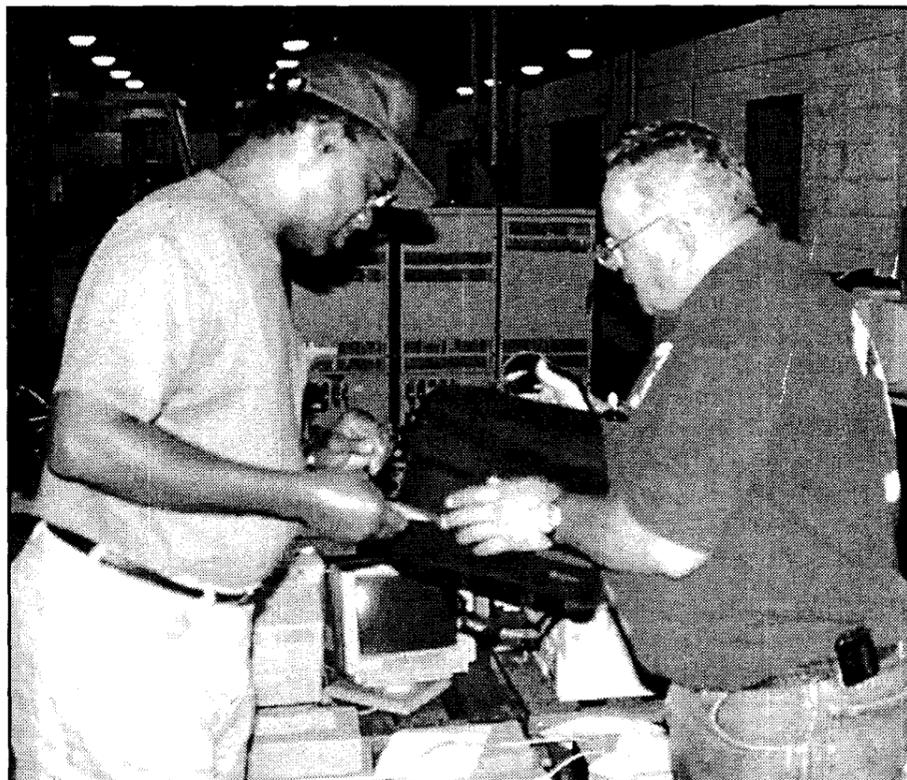


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**STILL WORKING—** Co-chairman for the Redstone military retiree council Welcome, left, works at as an equipment specialist along with Ken Reisenweber at the Directorate of Logistics.

Guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Ellis Parker, co-chairman of the Chief of Staff of the Army Retirees Council. There will be a country fair with 35-40 participants, manning information booths in the area outside the auditorium. Lunch will be available.

"I hope everyone comes

out to support the event," Welcome said. "They need to come out and listen to what's being said. There are many services available that our retirees aren't using because they don't know about them."

Welcome came to Redstone late in 1985 as a government civilian employee.

He works in the Directorate of Logistics as an equipment specialist. He is a native of Orange, Texas, what he calls a "medium size town." He and his wife Mamie have two children, Anphonetta Payne, who lives in Atlanta and Lawrence Welcome III who lives in Huntsville.

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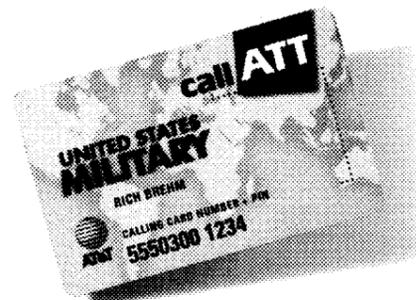
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Letting students sing...

# Classical songs ring throughout house during recital

By Shari Greene

Well, it wasn't the Metropolitan Opera, but it sounded pretty good to me! It was a rare treat for me when Martha Brouse of Redstone Arsenal invited my son and I to attend an informal classical recital.

Brouse showcased two of her most promising students during an hour of beautiful songs that were sung in various languages. The first, Mary Popp who is 8, has been taking voice lessons with Brouse for about three months and gave a very brave and lovely rendition of "I Could Have Danced All Night." Her second student, Stefanie Block, has been training with Brouse for four years and actually flies from El Paso, Texas, to Huntsville to train during the holidays. Stefanie related to me how she first showed an interest in classical music sitting in the backseat of her mother's car as a child listening to opera music. She would actually sing along.

Acting and singing are both serious endeavors for Stefanie. She has been in commercials and actually hosts a local science show

in El Paso. "I would love for music to play a part in my life," although, she jokingly asks "who wouldn't want to be famous?" Her ultimate goal in training with Brouse is to improve her singing abilities, further understand classical music, and perfect her material for college auditions. No doubt she will be back in Huntsville at Christmas to continue her training.

Brouse and her husband, Steve (who works at Space and Missile Defense Command), reside in post housing here. I asked her if continuing her operatic career has been difficult with Steve being in the military and moving so often. Laughing, she replied "on the contrary, I have been able to continue my career all over the United States and Europe!" She practices her trade wherever her husband goes which gives her a unique resume.

For instance, when her husband was stationed in Germany, she landed a two and a half-year contract with the Linz State Opera Company of Linz, Austria.

"I was in Germany and Austria for six years total," Brouse said "At the end of his tour, Steve and I agreed



Photo from Shari Greene

**OPERA PERFORMER—** Brouse, a military spouse, has been able to continue her opera career throughout the United States and Europe.

that the opportunity to perform with such a quality company was too good to pass up. I remained in Europe without him for approximately three years. It is unique to be a working opera singer."

In addition to singing opera Brouse, who is a lyric soprano, tells me that she is a qualified instructor of

of New York and Italy.

I asked if I could take a look at her resume just to see what it looked like and was quite impressed by the depth of her experience. Besides performing in Europe under such conductors as Leopold Hagar, Kurt Eichorn and Dr. Roman Zeilinger, she has frequently appeared as the soprano soloist with the U.S. Military Academy Band and in orchestra performances including Handel's Messiah at the Cadet Chapel, West Point, N.Y.

She was on the faculty at El Paso Community College as an instructor of voice and music. Fluent in German she also sings in French, Italian, Spanish and Latin, which is "required to understand classical music." With more than 30 operas under her belt, I am simply in awe of the broad range of performance experience that she can bring to her students.

I asked her what her most memorable theater performances have been and she replied, "Probably

my most memorable would be performing as Guenevere in Camelot. It was challenging due to the in-depth character I played and required me to reign in my operatic voice.

"Another recent character I played was Kate Pinkerton in Madame Butterfly with The Opera Company of El Paso. It was my shortest role, but I wore a glorious costume, one that most women only dream of wearing," she said.

As the assistant director of the Huntsville Community Children's Chorus, a member of the Twickenham Singers of Alabama, and a teacher offering private voice lessons, when does she have time to relax! Brouse tells me that her first priority when moving to a new home is to become involved with the local community. She volunteers and sings in various local community productions. But that isn't work for Brouse.

"I love what I do, singing and teaching. I also

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Looking toward future...

# International air defense reps tour laboratory facilities

The ability to speak German and Italian could come in handy with this particular group of lab visitors.

The Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) program, led by Lt. Col. Rick DeFatta, held a tour of facilities at Redstone. Dignitaries representing the Italian, German and U.S. MEADS partners along with officials from the NATO MEADS Management Agency participated.

"The purpose of the tour was to familiarize Italian and German partners and NAMEADSMA management with unique capabilities located at Redstone Arsenal," a prepared release said. "MEADS has an opportunity to leverage work performed at Redstone for other missile systems to reduce cost and risk when development begins.

Particular opportunities exist for simulation including hardware in the loop, early software independent verification and validation, interoperability testing and certification and non-destructive system test."

MEADS is a multinational—U.S., Germany and Italy — major defense acquisition program intended to provide low-to-medium altitude air defense, theater ballistic missile defense, and cruise missile defense of the maneuvering force and fixed assets during joint operations through all phases of the battle.

The MEADS tour July 6

began at building 5400 where Dr. William McCorkle, director of the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, and his engineers presented hardware in the loop facilities with potential to be leveraged in the MEADS program. State-of-the-art infrared scene generators and millimeter wave anechoic chambers were highlighted.

"It was pointed out that tremendous savings and risk reduction can be obtained by the MEADS program by utilizing existing facilities (hardware-in-the-loop) and the associated knowledge base," the release said.

Next the tour came to the Software Engineering Directorate where William Craig, director, and his crew showed how ongoing software efforts, work being done with Army Tactical Operation Centers and THAAD interoperability can benefit MEADS. It was pointed out that a laboratory for interoperability testing, software verification and validation, and information system integration can be accommodated in the major upgrade planned for the Software Engineering Directorate facility.

Then the tour went through the Redstone Technical Test Center where the high performance computing facility was presented, the radar lab for testing complete radar systems or

components was shown with a radar antenna characterization in progress, the electro optical sensor flight evaluation laboratory which exercises production seekers was shown, and a non-destructive hardware in the loop test system for testing of live missiles pulled from the stockpile was demonstrated.

Four participants included Maj. Gen. Nazzareno Cardinali and Col. Carlo Landi from Italy; Peter Lawrenz and Lt. Col. Rauchalles from Germany; A.Q. Oldacre and DeFatta from the U.S.; and Brig. Gen. Hunrich Meunier and Chester Domaracki from NAMEADSMA.

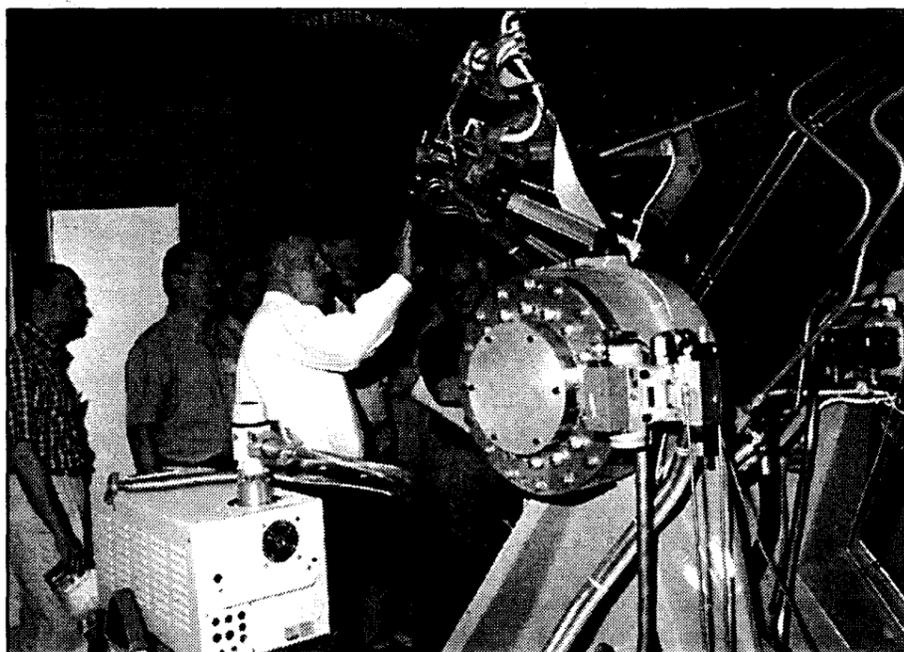


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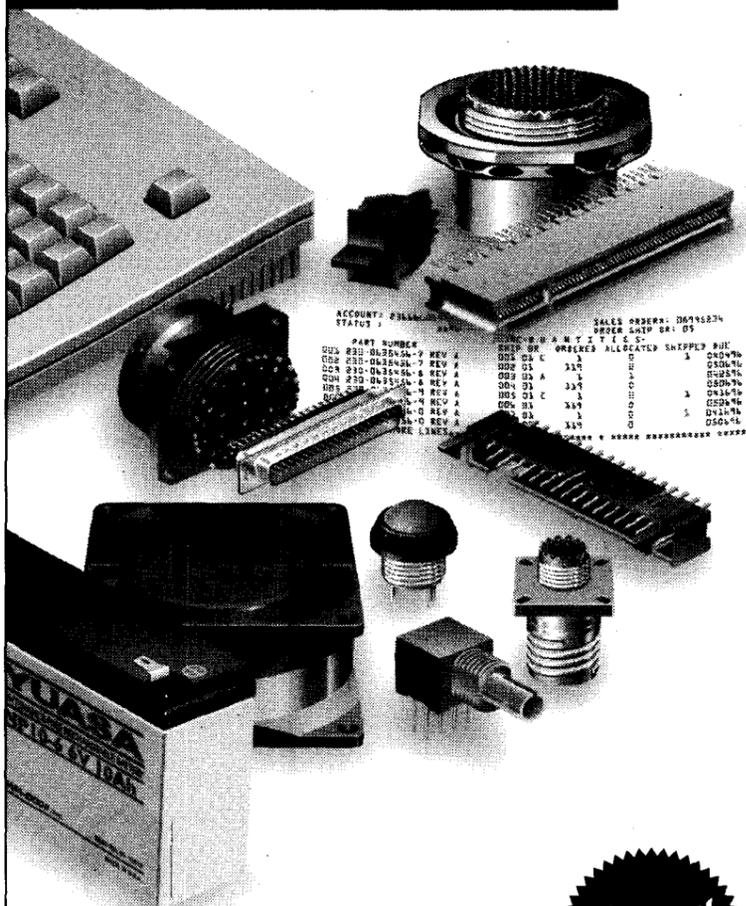
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# Test group gives thumbs-up to new DoD travel system

WASHINGTON— DoD's new temporary duty travel pay system is faster than a speeding bullet and more gentle than a lamb compared to the old system, in the words of one enthusiastic agency budget officer.

DoD's POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Office was one of 29 organizations at 27 sites worldwide that recently tested DoD's re-engineered travel system. Budget officer Angela M. Talaber praises that new system and believes most of her customers agree with her. One such customer is office spokesman Larry Greer.

"I'm a customer who is old enough to remember the old system, where you had to type or press down on a seven-page claims voucher with a ball point pen," he said. "I know how long it took to get paid. I know what it was like standing in a long military pay line praying that someday, somebody would cut you a check. Or even give you cash, if you wanted to wait long enough."

"With streamlining, the electronic transfers have certainly made my life a lot easier," Greer said. "You need a system that's fast and easy to work to beat inbound credit card bills. This system beats it. You can get paid before your credit card bill comes."

### Satisfied customers

Feedback from the 29 sites revealed a 65 percent decrease in administrative costs, a 31 percent decrease in payment cycle time and a 100 percent in customer satisfaction, according to Deputy Secretary of Defense John H. Hamre. The team that rebuilt and streamlined DoD's \$3 billion-per-year travel system introduced many private-sector business practices. The new system:

- Reduced complex travel regulations

from 220 pages to 17.

- Simplified reimbursement regulations for meals and incidental expenses, and eliminated requirements for receipts for expenses less than \$75, except for lodging.
- Established a travel card program to pay for most official business travel expenses—advances, lodging, transportation, rental cars, meals and other incidentals.
- Created one document to serve as the orders, itinerary, voucher and record of any changes.

Talaber said her office worked with the voucher claims part of the system, but not yet with the electronic travel order phase. She said she expects her management to approve the move soon. "We'll cut costs and save time by using electronic orders instead of paper orders," she noted.

"Our people go all over the world, and the least the government can do is pay them in a timely fashion," Talaber said. "I'd seen a couple of demonstrations of how the new system works. I knew it was something that worked well and management here said, 'OK, we'll try it.'"

"So we went into the federal automated travel system in October 1996 as one of the test agencies," she continued. "The first couple of vouchers were experiments. I didn't do it with anybody who went overseas or who had a \$3,000 or \$4,000 reimbursement coming. We got our feet wet with the little bitty baby vouchers, a couple of hundred dollars. Then we realized, hey, they're actually being paid — fast! I've had folks who have filed a voucher at 7 a.m. and it was processed and paid the same day."

### Few complaints

She said the only complaints about the

new system have been from a few people who've had problems learning new computer software.

"Some of them say, 'I can't remember my password,' 'I can't remember my signature,' 'I don't like this,'" Talaber said. "I guess they perceive it as scary. You have to have a password to get into the system and a signature code password. Sometimes people just get confused. If you don't use something daily, you can become afraid of it."

Vouchers from the POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Office are approved electronically and wired to the finance office at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, where they're reviewed electronically. Then they're transmitted to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service center in Indianapolis for immediate payment, Talaber said.

"If finance pays the voucher in the afternoon, most times the money goes to the Federal Reserve Bank the next day," she said. "Within two days, the voucher is direct-deposited in the traveler's bank account. The traveler doesn't even have to go to the bank."

"Before, it was a frustrating, time-consuming paper process," she said. "You filled out a seven-page carbon form and attached all the little bits of trash paper you saved during your trip — receipts for everything. Then you sent it to finance, where it sat in an in-box until somebody got ready to look at it. Then, two weeks to three months later, you got a check in the mail."

In the search for information to account for America's missing personnel, specialists in the POW/Missing office travel to many locations most DoD employees never visit— Vietnam, Laos, North Korea.

### In the cards

Under the new system, a DoD globetrotter's major currency is a government-contracted charge card, currently American Express but due to change to NationsBank Visa in the fall. Employees are expected to pay expenses with the card whenever possible and to use it in cash machines to draw pocket money when necessary.

"Every hotel I've stayed in in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Russia, and all over the United States, accepts the American Express card," Greer noted. "Not every street merchant accepts it— you have to have a little bit of money in your pocket to take care of meals and incidentals."

Talaber said finance doesn't routinely pay travel advances anymore but does provide cash advances when people head to places where cash machines are nonexistent. On those occasions, the transaction is a simple electronic one. "We send the paperwork electronically one day and the money is electronically posted in the traveler's checking account the next day," she said.

"We're finally treating people like the adults they are," Talaber said. "We're making people responsible, as they should be, instead of treating them like children and

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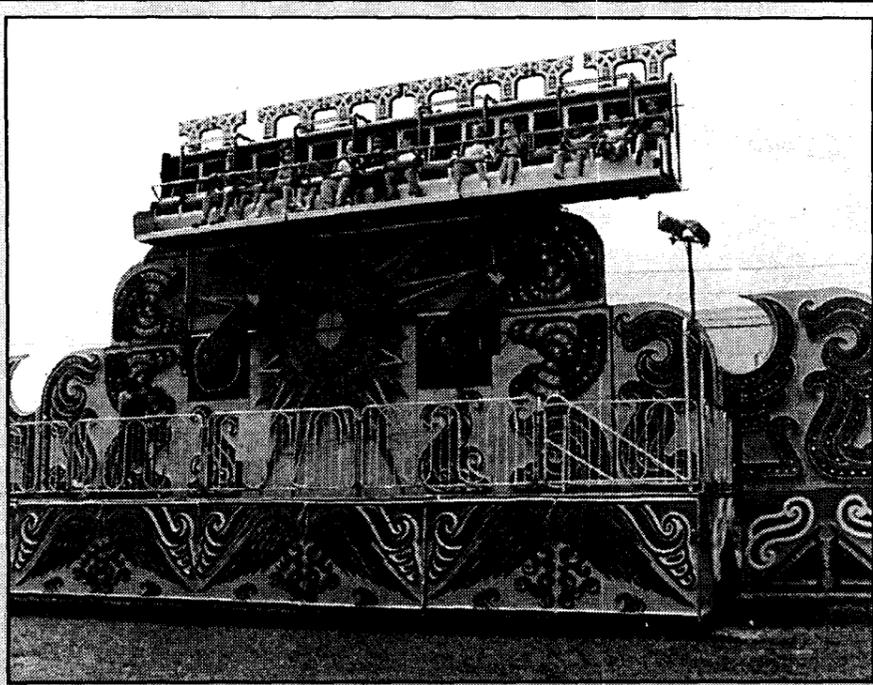


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### Oktoberfest on way...

Carnival rides are again in store as Redstone Arsenal plays host to the fourth annual Oktoberfest, Sept. 17-20 at the Parade Field. For \$6 per person participants can enjoy the rides and entertainment. Parking is also included. For more information, call 955-7399.



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### Energy winners...

Discussing the winning poster in the Energy Awareness Poster Contest are, from left, Trish Golden, the Acquisition Center representative on the AMCOM Energy Team; Tyrone Burks, training coordinator for NCCIM, who won the energy slogan contest; Theresa Mack, logistician for Sigmatech, with her winning poster; and Thomas Wharton, Sparkman Center's representative on the energy team. Burks and Mack will each receive an energy shirt and a \$250 savings bond. The poster illustrates the winning slogan, "Do the quick click for Energy Conservation."

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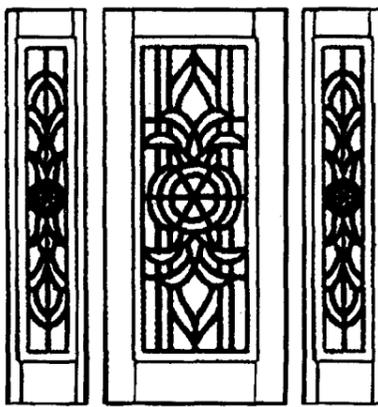
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By Gregory Komp

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Both the U.S. Army Reserve Centers and correspondence are taught in four phases. Students in the Reserve Centers mode attend classes, usually on Monday evenings, from November through April, of about four hours duration for Phases I and III. Phases II and IV are accomplished through attendance at Fort Dix, N.J., during a two-week active duty for training/annual training period or through correspondence.

Small Group Instruction offered by the CGSC Battalion has the following advantages over the corre-

spondence method:

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workload for the individual officer. Informally, each class soon develops its own personality, and vigorous discussions and higher student grades manifest the camaraderie.

Interested officers need to enter their request into the Army Training Requirements and Resource Sys-

tem (ATRRS) computer program. While ATRRS does not actually enroll you into Command and General Staff Officer Course, it establishes your desire to attend the course and is the first place Leavenworth looks when evaluating your eligibility. For ATRRS the following information is

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Interested officers should call Lt. Col. Perrin at 721-1188 ext. 254 (work), 534-1460 (home); Lt. Col. Komp 876-8825 (work), 722-7991 (home);

Lt. Col. Walter Bennett 386-2617 (work); or Maj. Dave Smith 895-8647 (work), 881-3730 (home).

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- **Make and take workshop**— Child Development Services is holding a Make & Take Workshop on Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon at Youth Services, building 3148. For more information, call Evelyn Carnes 876-7801.

## Watermelons: tasty giants of the summer garden

FORT LEE, Va.— They are green and red, small and large, striped and plain, nutritious and delicious. "They" are watermelons. And they are the kings of summer produce.

The famous singer, Enrico Caruso, said once that watermelon is "a good fruit. You eat; you drink; you wash your face!" "It's a sentiment parents of young children can appreciate."

Though Americans still eat more cantaloupes than watermelons, these giants of summer lead the pack in consumption by weight. Americans consumed over 30 pounds per capita last year, up 24 percent since the start of the decade.

### Summer product

Watermelons are available in the U.S. year-round thanks to jet cargo planes, but homegrown melons are a product of summer.

"The season for watermelons runs from about the end of May through the end of September," said Milt Shreiber, produce category manager for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) which operates 297 commissaries worldwide for America's military and their families.

"The trend today is towards smaller melons which can be stored easily in refrigerators. Sales of watermelons are constant throughout the summer, and our customers buy a lot

of them," Shreiber said. It's no wonder. Folks have enjoyed eating watermelons for a long, long time. The Egyptians harvested watermelons 5,000 years ago. They liked both the taste and the beauty of these melons and painted images of them on the walls of their public buildings and tombs. Apparently, more than one Pharaoh was sent off to the great hereafter with watermelons to eat along the way.

In ancient military operations, the watermelon was the first water tanker. Composed of 90 percent water, watermelons were an easy way to make sure an army had adequate water and subsistence. According to the Bible, the one thing the children of Israel missed most during their 40-year trek through the desert was the watermelon. Slaves from Africa brought the first watermelons to the New World in the 1600s, and they have been good summertime eating here ever since.

### Nationwide

Most people think that watermelons are grown primarily in the southeastern United States. In fact, 44 states grow watermelons with California, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Arizona leading as the top watermelon producers of 1997. In the world, the U.S. is the number four producer right

behind China, Turkey and Iran.

"Watermelon consumption is up 50 percent since 1980, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture," says Susan O'Reilly, director of communications for the National Watermelon Promotion Board. "Watermelon is growing in popularity because more consumers are finding out that it's nutritious as well as delicious. Watermelon fits right in with today's attitudes toward healthier diets and lifestyles."

The ancients believed that watermelon had magical healing powers. They may have been right. Watermelon is a good source for Vitamin A, Vitamin C, iron, potassium, calcium and fiber. The fruit also contains lycopene, an anti-cancer nutrient. A half-cup of watermelon has only 0.3 grams of salt, 0.5 grams of protein, 5.7 grams of carbohydrates and just 25 calories.

### How to select

While eating watermelons raw, with just a little salt to put an edge on the sweetness, is the number one method of consumption for these fruits, other culinary delights from these melons abound. Watermelon is terrific in salads,

cakes, and even sherbets. There are even more delicious uses for this succulent red fruit for those who dare to think outside the rind and experiment. The fruit requires very little care other than refrigeration once it has been cut. Properly wrapped and refrigerated at 36-39 degrees F, a watermelon will retain its flavor and freshness about a week. So, how do you select a good watermelon?

"In the old days, the neighborhood grocer would cut a plug from the melon and let his customer taste it. You would know immediately if the melon was good or bad," Shreiber said. "Then, we got all civilized and customers could either select a cut watermelon from the chill case or buy a whole uncut melon and take the luck of the draw."

What about thumping a watermelon?

"I've seen a lot of people who thought they could tell the quality and taste of a watermelon by thumping it," Shreiber said. "I don't know what they are listening for, but I can tell you one thing for sure. If you thump a watermelon and something on the inside thumps back, don't buy it!"

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# 19 new cargo ships to boost fleet

Additions should be completed by 2001

WASHINGTON— The Military Sealift Command plans to see 19 ships completed by 2001 that will provide some 5 million square feet of cargo space. Of the total, 14 are new construction and five are conversions of commercial vessels.

USNS Seay is the third of seven Bob Hope Class cargo ships being built by Avondale. The first two, christened last year, are USNS Bob Hope and USNS Fisher. The Hope is named for comedian Bob Hope, who entertained U.S. troops for decades since World War II. The Fisher honors Elizabeth and Zachary Fisher, who created a national network of Fisher Houses that provides a "home-away-from-home" for military family members of patients receiving care at military and veterans medical facilities.

National Steel and Ship-

building Co. of San Diego is building the other seven new ships. The USNS Dahl is scheduled to be christened in October. Army Spec. Larry G. Dahl received the Medal of Honor posthumously for throwing himself on a grenade to save his friends in Vietnam on Feb. 23, 1971.

The five converted commercial container ships already sail in Military Sealift Command service. All are named for Army Medal of Honor recipients.

National Steel and Shipbuilding conversions were the USNS Shughart, delivered May 7, 1996; the USNS Yano, Feb. 8, 1997; and the USNS Soderman, Nov. 11, 1997. SFC Randall D. Shughart died in Mogadishu, Somalia, in October 1993 while trying to rescue a downed Army helicopter crew. First Sgt. Rodney J.T. Yano died Jan.

1, 1969, near Bien Hoa, Vietnam. PFC William A. Soderman was decorated for valor on Dec. 17, 1944, near Rocherath, Belgium; he survived World War II and died on Oct. 20, 1980.

Newport News Shipbuilding of Newport News, Va., converted the USNS Gordon and delivered it on July 4, 1996. It delivered the USNS Gilliland on May 23, 1997. MSgt. Gary I. Gordon died with Shughart. Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Cpl. Charles L. Gilliland was decorated for gallantry on April 25, 1955, near Tongmang-ni, Korea. (American Forces Press Service)



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Job Fair...

Craig Davis, left, is among attendees at the Job Fair Aug. 25 in building 5309. He is a retiring Air Force senior master sergeant from headquarters Space Command, Colorado Springs, Colo. At right is Lee Heckman of SenCom (Sensors &

Communications Corporation). The event, sponsored by AMCOM and the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville-Madison County, enabled those leaving government service to talk with representatives from local businesses.

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Shreiber flashed a good-natured grin and got serious about watermelon selection. "The key to selecting a good watermelon is to examine its surface, underside and stem. A watermelon's surface should be dull rather than shiny, and its underside should be yellow or beginning to turn cream color. If the stem is green, the melon is not ripe. If the stem is dark and watery, the

melon is over-ripe and possibly rotten. If the stem is brown and dry, that's your melon. Buy that one, and "bon appetite," he said.

So, the next time you are hankering for a cool, delicious summer treat consider a tasty, delicious watermelon. If you do, you will be in good company. About a hundred years ago, Mark Twain wrote this about the watermelon:

"When one has tasted it, he knows what the angels eat." (DeCA release)

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# Sports & Recreation

Capturing a dream...

## Amateur body-builder pumps up for world competition

By Sandy Riebeling

For amateur body-builder Steve Gaver, winning a national title three weeks ago in New York City was a dream come true.

Gaver, an engineer data management specialist at the Corporate Information Center, had been chasing a national body-building title for nine years. Capturing the dream and earning a spot on the U.S. body-building team raises the competition stakes.

The U.S. body-building team of five will compete in the International Federation of Body Building World Championship in Turkey the second week of November.

"Winning was great," Gaver said. "Sometimes I still don't believe it. This is the one I've been waiting for."

Gaver, 40, began body building 20 years ago at a YMCA in his hometown of Waynesboro, Pa.

"I was athletic in high school sports, wrestling, baseball," he said. "But after high school I didn't do anything for three or four years, nothing. I started lifting weights to get in shape and get some exercise."

By the end of his first local body-building competition in 1979, Gaver was hooked.

"There were probably only 12 or 15 of us, and we all knew each other,"

said Gaver, who finished second in the show. "It was a lot of fun. I like being on stage in front of the crowd. The audience was really great."

Gaver continued to work out and compete at the local, state and regional levels. For the first five years there were, "lots of times that I came home without any trophy at all."

But he stayed focused and nine years ago, set his sights for national competition.

"I wanted to make the U.S. team and go to the world championships," he said, "which meant winning at the Team Universe show."

In 1989, Gaver began competing nationally. He placed third in 1995 and fourth in 1996 in the U.S. National Physique Committee Team Universe Body Building and Fitness Championship, the only national competition that advances the winners to the U.S. team. Because of excessive travel for his job, he didn't compete in 1997 but came back this year to take first in the Team Universe bantamweight division.

As a warmup for the Team Universe competition, Gaver competed in the NPC USA Championship in Las Vegas earlier this year, placing third.

"I knew I was going to compete in Team Universe and this was a way to get me back in front of the judges

before that competition," said Gaver, explaining that some of the judges at this competition would also be judging Team Universe. "I wanted them to get a look at me before the show. It's always good to get back on stage, get the feel of it back after you've laid out for a year."

Although Gaver lifts weights year-round, he has a special regimen to follow for competition training, which begins 12 weeks before the show.

Off season, Gaver trains Monday through Friday, heavy lifting and carries about 160 pounds on his 5-foot-2-inch frame. Pre-contest training has him in the gym three days on, one day off, lifting moderate weights with more repetitions to enhance his muscle definition.

He works with a nutritionist for his pre-contest diet planning to gradually slim down to his competition weight of 143 pounds, the top end of the bantamweight class.

"I eat five meals a day," Gaver said. "I don't really change my diet before the competition unless it's not working, either the weight isn't coming off or I'm losing muscle instead of fat."

The strenuous workout schedule and limited calories affects his personality as well as his physique.

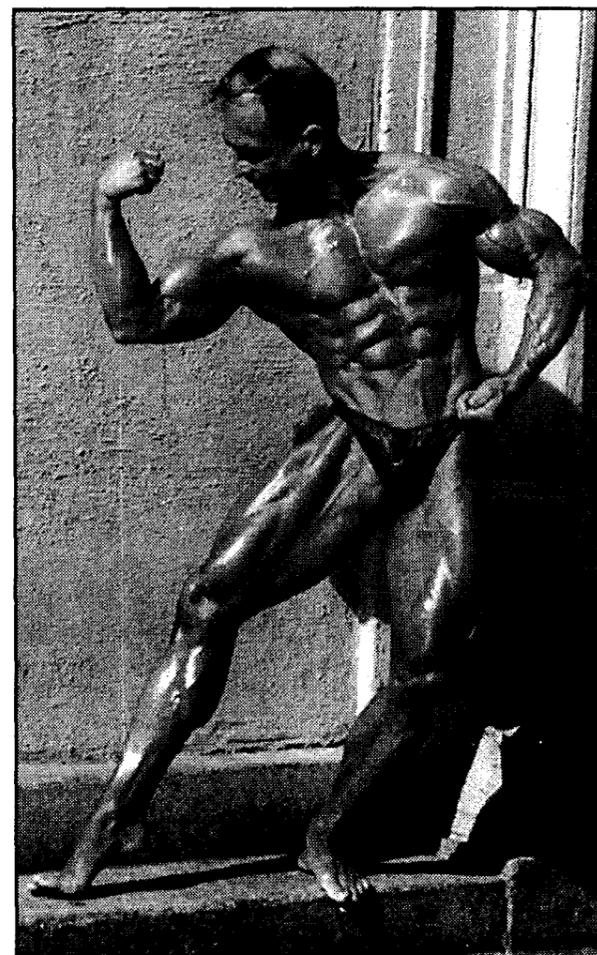


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**CHAMPION**— Gaver won his first national title in the Team Universe competition in August.

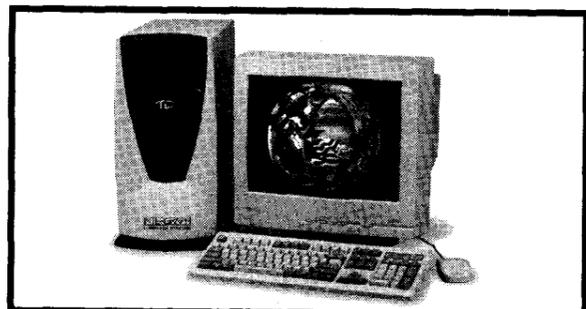
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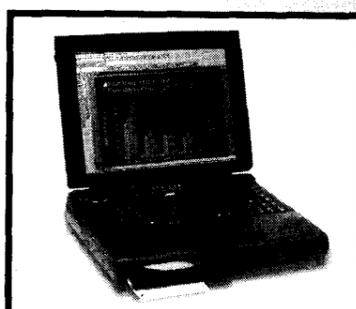


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# Sports & Recreation

## Getting in shape... Wellness Center starts beginners running club or interested members

By Jim Bowne

If you have been thinking about running as a way to lose weight, get in shape, or stay in shape, but are not sure how to get started, then the Beginners' Running Club is for you. All you have to do is join the Wellness Center and tell Bobby Taylor you want to be a running club member.

Taylor is the director of the Wellness Center, which sponsors the running club. He turned 30 in mid-August and recently began running to lose weight.

"I played basketball in college and stayed in pretty good shape," he explained. "But lately, I noticed I had gained weight. My weight usually yo-yo's up and down. So as I started losing weight, the members (of the Wellness Center) began to notice. They wanted to know what I was doing to lose weight."

Taylor told them he had begun running. "I set out to lose 20 pounds," he said. "I started running about three weeks ago and have lost seven pounds. That's just about on target for safe weight loss. About two pounds per week is the best way to lose weight."

"Actually, it was one of our members, Zane Smith, who suggested we start a running club for beginners. Smith is one of the center's original members. He works out regularly and is an experienced runner."

According to Taylor, the goal of the beginners' running club is to participate in the upcoming Halloween

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## Auburn, Bama and Ala. A&M all favored in this week's college football openers

By Skip Vaughn

Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week in major college football:

- Virginia at Auburn—Auburn
- Brigham Young at Alabama—Bama
- Jacksonville State at Ala. A&M—A&M
- Michigan at Notre Dame—Mich.
- Citadel at Florida—Florida
- Kent at Georgia—Georgia
- Kentucky at Louisville—Ky.
- Memphis at Ole Miss—Ole Miss
- Vanderbilt at Miss. State—Miss. State
- Ball State at South Carolina—SC
- Tennessee at Syracuse—Tenn.
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- Arizona at Hawaii—Arizona
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- State—ASU
- SW Louisiana at Arkansas—Ark.
- Boston College at Ga. Tech—Tech
- Bowling Green at Missouri—Mo.
- Houston at California—Calif.
- Tulane at Cincinnati—Tulane
- Furman at Clemson—Clemson
- Colorado at Colo. State—Colorado
- East Carolina at Va. Tech—Va. Tech
- Central Mich. at Iowa—Iowa
- Texas Christian at Iowa
- State—Iowa St.
- Indiana State at Kan. State—Kan. St.
- Michigan State at Oregon—Mich. St.
- Miami (Ohio) at North Carolina—UNC
- Ohio State at West Virginia—Ohio St.
- North Texas at Oklahoma—Okla.
- Southern Miss at Penn State—Penn State
- Villanova at Pittsburgh—Pitt
- Southern Methodist at Rice—Rice
- Wisconsin at San Diego State—Wis.
- San Jose State at Stanford—Stanford
- UTEP at Texas Tech—Texas Tech
- New Mexico State at Texas—Texas
- Utah at Utah State—Utah

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## RUNNERS

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Run the end of October. "The Halloween Run is a 5K run sponsored by Boeing," he said. "I just want the club to run as a group. The goal is not to run for time or speed, but simply to complete the run."

Taylor said that the center's experienced runners will run for speed and time. However, some of them will run with the beginners to help push them along and encourage them to finish the run. "Once I get a feel for how the beginners do in October, I'll see if they want to continue as a club, and we'll go from there," Taylor said.

The beginners' running club is not organized in terms of set running schedules, times, and speeds. It is a relaxed, no pressure, type of club. "I try to let everybody do it on their own, but I check up on them and teach them correct running techniques," Taylor explained.

"Of course, I did a lot of running when I played basketball, but it was a different type of running. When I began my running program, I went to the Internet and looked up 'Runner's World.' It's a 10-week training plan for those who want to begin running. The end result is that you should be able to run for 30 minutes straight with no break. That's the whole reason for following the plan. The web address is [www.runner-world.com](http://www.runner-world.com). When you bring that site up, go to the beginner's section."

Nearly 20 people have already joined the

center's beginners' running club. "The club is open to males and females," Taylor said. "Right now, we have a few more females than males in the club. There is no age requirement, but the average age is about 35."

Taylor is enthusiastic about running and getting new converts. "Running is great for the cardiovascular system," he said. "It is a great way to get fit in a short amount of time. It's aerobic, inexpensive, and helps reduce stress. I guess one of the best reasons to run is that running makes you feel good."

Taylor said he plans to continue his own running program. "I've even gotten my wife into running," he said. "It's easier to run if you have someone to run with. If you just run by yourself, it's too easy to talk yourself out of running when you don't feel like it. But if you have a running partner, you have someone to help get you on your feet."

Taylor, who earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology, coaches the more experienced runners. Other coaches include center staff members Derec Roby and Phylissa Shannon.

Membership in both the center and the beginners' running club is free. If you are interested in improving your health, or maintaining it, or just looking for a fun exercise, try running. For more information, call the Wellness Center 955-6844 or Taylor at 955-7508. The e-mail address is [wellnesscenter@foh.dhhs.gov](mailto:wellnesscenter@foh.dhhs.gov).

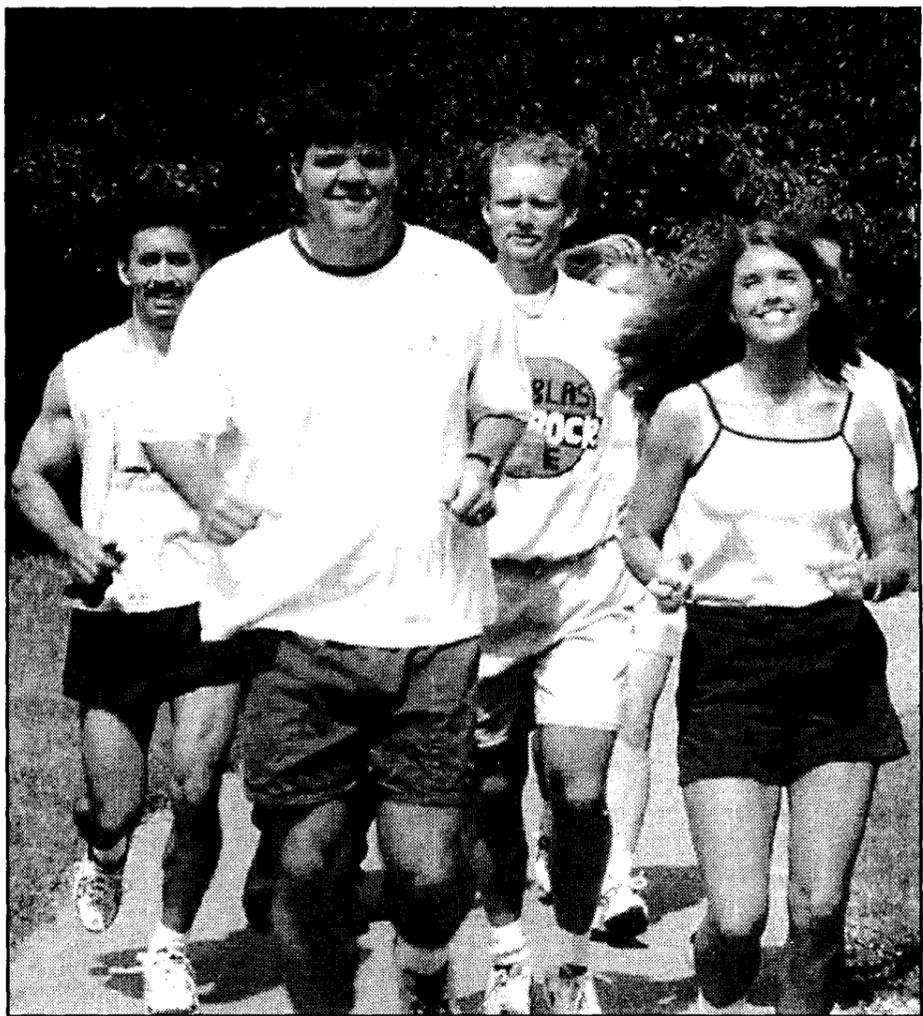


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**ON THE ROAD**— Bobby Taylor and Phylissa Shannon lead a practice session for members of the Wellness Center running club.

## TRAVEL

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saying, "I don't believe you, show me those receipts for \$2."

"The new system makes my job much easier, too," she said. "In the old system, you'd tell people, 'Well, wait two weeks.' Then, 'Maybe give it another week.' And then, 'We'll call finance.' Under the new system, if you're not paid in two days, there's a problem." Even the few complainers she meets love the part about

being reimbursed in two days, she said.

Though mountains of paperwork of old are gone, travelers using the new system are supposed to maintain a file of their receipts. "Random audits are conducted on about 10 percent of vouchers over \$2,500," Talaber said. "Those audit-

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She said she has had only one glitch since implementing the system, and the customer did it to himself. "He'd closed his old check-

ing account and failed to tell finance," she said. The bank couldn't make a direct deposit because the man no longer had an account, so the money went back to finance.

"They had to cut a check."

"Guys like me have filed a claims voucher in the morning and, by the end of the day, the money was in the bank," Greer said. "And I didn't have to leave my

desk, no trip to a pay window and didn't have to fill out a seven-copy voucher. People are happy to be treated responsibly." (American Forces Press Service)

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Fact-finding trip...

# Readiness concerns underscore Cohen visit to Georgia

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON—Concerned that military readiness may be eroding because of spare parts and equipment shortages and sagging retention, Defense Secretary William Cohen began a series of fact-finding field trips Aug. 17 at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

The visit to Moody enabled Cohen to learn from servicemembers and field commanders what they see as key problems facing the armed forces. He picked Moody because it is home to the 347th Wing, the Air Force's first wing designed for rapid deployment and also one of its most frequently deployed combat units.

Cohen, Air Force Acting Secretary F. Whitten Peters, Chief of Staff Gen. Michael

Ryan and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Eric Benken met officers and airmen who candidly told them about training deficiencies and the stress and strain of being asked too many times to deploy overseas. The secretary pledged to better manage military resources and people and, where possible, to reduce the operations tempo.

Brig. Gen. Gene Renault, wing commander, said retention is down at Moody and called temporary deployments the major culprit — more than 500 Moody airmen deploy annually, many for more than 120 days. In addition, he said, airmen's highly marketable skills and training attract civilian firms that can guarantee higher pay and greater stability.

"If there are credible

signs that we are prepared to deal with these deficiencies, then we can turn around retention fairly quickly," Cohen said. "If it goes unattended to, it can take on a momentum or dynamism of its own, and the erosion will continue unabated."

Among the steps DoD already has taken to resolve readiness issues, he said, is decreasing the U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf region by nearly half, "back to approximately where it was before Saddam Hussein escalated tensions last fall."

The secretary said his goal is to reduce the overall operations tempo, particularly short- and no-notice deployments. He said an Air Force plan to create permanent expeditionary forces is a good example of

how DoD is trying to stabilize servicemembers' lives. "I'm determined to make Air Force life more predictable and, when possible, less stressful," he told the Moody airmen.

Cohen said he believes front-line forces are still the most capable in the world, but sustaining a protracted war might be difficult. "We have a very ready military," he said. "Those who are on the front lines — the first to fight — are fully capable and ready, but some of the second- and third-tier level people and some of the equipment need to be upgraded."

He saw examples of this at Moody, where eight F-16 Fighting Falcons sat idle, awaiting new engines that aren't available. And where new F-16 pilots couldn't finish upgrade training

because there weren't enough aircraft to fly.

And he listened to the discontent of pilots and airmen about frequent deployments that disrupt their careers, training and personal lives. The discontent, he said, "pertains to a series of things as far as people are concerned."

"Some of the people we talked to are leaving because of their deployment schedules, because of what has become for them unpredictable lives, where they find they can't pursue their own goals," Cohen said. "For others, it's a question of compensation, or they may find housing unavailable on base and too

expensive off base.

"It's a combination of factors that people look at in terms of whether they want to stay in. All of these factors have to be taken into account when you discuss readiness."

Cohen called the visit to Moody a learning experience. He said he looks forward to visits with other services and installations and believes the current readiness deficiencies are temporary and will be fixed. He is scheduled to conduct similar visits to the Army's Fort Drum, N.Y., on Sept. 2 and to Navy and Marine Corps installations later this year. (American Forces Press Service)

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At end of World War II...

# Prisoner of war signaled freedom with Old Glory at POW camp

By Renita Foster

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J.—“Freedom is more than being able to leave home; it’s also being able to go home,” William R. Livingstone, German Prisoner of War at Mooseburg, Stalag VII-A.

Saturday, April 28, 1945, brought nothing but rain all day and night, drowning away any rescue hopes so desperately held by the “kriegies” (short for the German word, kriegsgefangen meaning prisoners of war), at Stalag VII-A located near Mooseburg, Germany.

Incarcerated in Stalag VII-A, the last POW camp to be liberated by the Americans, was bomber pilot, Martin Allain. The 23-year-old 1st Lt. became German prisoner of war 122 when his B-26 bomber was shot down over North Africa in January 1943.

After being captured by Arabs and turned over to German soldiers, Allain was sent back to Germany where he was interrogated and held in solitary confinement.

During an initial search, Allain cleverly hid under his tongue, a sacred heart medal, given to him by his mother. It was the first of two prized possessions he would guard with his life during his years as a prisoner of war.

“My mother presented Martin with the medal that first Sunday in December of 1941,” said Allain’s sister, Net Garon. “Everyone gathered together that day to spend as much time with him as possible before he reported for flight training. It was just a few hours later we learned about the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which made us feel all the worse.”

**Next treasure**

While serving as a security officer at his initial POW camp in Stalag Luft III in Sagan, Poland, Allain received his next treasure; a huge American flag smuggled into the compound to be displayed for identification, should the constantly prayed for Allied planes appear. For safe keeping, Allain immediately sewed the flag between two German blankets.

The renewed threat of the Russian winter offensive in January 1945 caused the Germans to evacuate Stalag Luft III kriegies. When the order came, Allain was determined to keep the sacred icon he’d been entrusted with and quickly grabbed the blankets for a six-day forced march in horrendous weather and sub-zero tempera-

tures from Poland to Germany, arriving at Mooseburg in early February.

“I don’t think at the time Martin knew just how significant that flag would become,” said Lila, who became Allain’s wife a few months before he left for overseas in 1942. “He simply felt it was his responsibility to make sure it was available if needed.”

It was Allain’s medal and flag providing him solace during the next three months when Stalag VII-A brought nothing but unbearable cold and hunger. The winding down of World War II had forced POWs to be sent from other camps to Mooseburg.

A facility designed to house 3,000 prisoners now swelled to a total estimated 30,000 to 100,000. The overcrowding meant little food and no hot water for cooking or washing.

As a result, the straw beds were infested with lice and fleas. The outdoor latrines, one for about every 2,000 men, had eventually overflowed, promoting further disease among the kriegies.

The Germans refused to clean them until the parade ground, where the kriegies assembled for roll call, became affected.

**Freedom**

The brightest moment for Allain was discovering an abandoned kitten he was determined to help survive. The darkest was returning to the barracks after work detail one afternoon to find nothing left but its skin.

The morning of Sunday, April 29, the Mooseburg kriegies awakened to brilliant sunshine, restoring their belief freedom just might be near. “McGuffy,” the code name for the BBC (British Broadcasting Company), heard by kriegies over hidden radios had announced Gen. George Patton’s 3rd Army was northeast of Munich.

This startling revelation sent many prisoners scurrying to examine their secret maps, confirming Mooseburg was indeed close to that area. As the morning progressed, so did excitement in the camp. Men grouped together, whispering, planning and praying this just might be the day.

The kriegies heard the long awaited, soul stirring signs of freedom before seeing them. Just over the horizon was the unmistakable chugging sound of a Piper Cub. As the observation craft every combat soldier knew so well came gliding over the Bavar-

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Members of C Company, 832nd the afternoon heat as they march Aug. Ordnance Battalion seem oblivious to 18 near their barracks.



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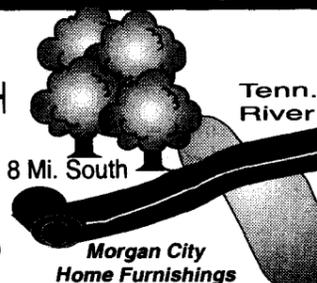
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# GLORY

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ian evergreens, it began wagging its wings over the camp as thousands of voices boomed up to greet it.

The powerful engines of two P51s followed the Cub, enhancing the already spectacular scene with victory rolls over barracks and tents for the exhilarated POWs.

And then the most revered sound of all; one holding thousands of kriegie eyes and ears spell-bound with anticipation that seemed to last as long as the war itself; the deep rumble of diesel tanks approaching from beyond the surrounding hills. From the second they were spotted to their arrival at the main gate, the rescue machines were literally drowned out by the deafening kriegie jubilation.

It was the 14th Armored Division, storming the main gate of Mooseburg that late Sunday morning. To this day, its veterans claim the cheering of captured servicemen being liberated, "is the most moving sound we've ever heard."

And in that moment, when impassioned kriegies began climbing over tanks and celebrating their deliverance, Allain realized the destiny meant for the highly coveted flag he'd protected for so long.

"I was standing at the front gate," said Robert Hartman, an infantry platoon leader with the 78th Infantry Division before his capture the year before, "when Allain began shining up the German flagpole everyone knew immediately what he was going to do, and there was no doubt in our minds he would make it despite his malnourished appearance. I think when called upon, Americans just have tremendous esprit de corps to accomplish whatever they need to.

"And the recollection of this grimy, skinny but smiling GI tearing down the ugly swastika and replacing

it with the beautiful Stars and Stripes has never wavered or grown dim. I've never seen this soldier before or since, but it's the kind of memory that only gets stronger with time."

As for the veteran Mooseburg kriegies, the ones who had been imprisoned for more than three years and "sweated out" every major World War II event from North Africa to D-Day to Bastogne; the ones surviving for so long by making German rations edible and turning tin cans into tools and utensils; the ones who would not allow themselves to feel hope that day because of so many near-but-not-quite rescues; witnessing Allain's display of American patriotism at its best, was nothing short of miraculous.

"As hardened as they were, seeing that glorious Stars and Stripes sent tears rolling down their cheeks," said another former Mooseburg POW. "And they were not ashamed to be seen crying. Being set free can do that to people when they have been behind barbed wire and don't know if they will ever see their families again."

### Souvenir

Like most soldiers who keep souvenirs from their Army adventures, Allain brought home the swastika

flag, but left Old Glory at Mooseburg.

"He liked to believe it stayed hanging on that flag pole long after he'd left," Lila said, "as a reminder when freedom came to the prison that day. I think it was just marvelous he had the foresight to keep it and accomplish something so remarkable with it."

Martin Allain Jr. vividly remembers hearing the "flag story" as a youngster and can easily picture his father climbing up the pole. He also views it as a bunch of young men trying to keep their sanity with the flag incident reinforcing the sense of which they were.

"Freedom didn't exist for so long for those POWs, and when that flag appeared, that's the moment they knew freedom really was theirs. And to this day it's a favorite family bedtime story. Especially the part where my father hid the flag between the blankets to keep the Germans from finding it"

Most Americans never learned of Allain's symbolic contribution to the end of World War II until a decade ago when former Mooseburg kriegies wrote to columnist Ann Landers sharing that unforgettable Sunday. But Allain didn't identify himself as the flag raiser until nearly five years

later.

"Martin became ill with leukemia and knew he was dying. That's when he told me he'd been putting it off long enough and said it was time to write," recalled Garon.

"Ann Landers was a favorite column of his and he was very proud and pleased when he saw people still remembering that triumphant day."

Allain's response prompted an avalanche of mail and phone calls worldwide. And while he possessed the same kind of inner strength and desire to answer the treasured but overwhelming correspondence as he did the day he climbed the flagpole at Mooseburg, the cancer would not permit it.

"So, we simply gathered the family together and shared a truly gratifying experience in helping Martin read all the letters and answering calls from everywhere imaginable, like the Veterans of Foreign Wars," Garon said beaming at the memory. "He was so delighted and thrilled over all the wonderful people who let him know how much they cared."

When the Allains gathered once more to say their final farewell to Martin, it was standing room only for the man who had been

blessed with a wife of over 50 years, 5 siblings, 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

There was an entire community who knew Dr. Allain as the beloved pediatrician "treating little ones with tenderness and love, whether their parents could afford it or not," like the handicapped children cared for by the Holy Angels School where he was on call for 28 years, 24 hours a day.

And Allain was the friendly neighbor who religiously wore a coat and tie upon leaving his house, enjoyed farming and fishing, but for some reason didn't like riding in airplanes.

There was, undoubtedly, another presence at Allain's funeral, not physical but spiritual. An ethereal army of former Mooseburgers who came to pay homage to their fellow kriegie and to remember the "grimy, skinny but smiling GI proudly raising the glorious Stars and Stripes" one long ago sunny Sunday morning; proclaiming the freedom they were born with and had fought so painfully hard to get back, was once again theirs. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Foster is an Individual Mobilization Augmentee with the Communications-Electronics Command/Fort Monmouth Public Affairs Office.)

# RECITAL

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have three horses to take care of," she said.

My final question to Brouse was how do parents, who think their child can really sing, get their child started in voice lessons. "The first thing I require is an audition. I have to know that a child has the interest and capability to sing. Then, once accepted as a student, I require additional studies in music. I am probably considered a strict instructor, requiring attention to all details (i.e. musical diction, and interpretation) but find that my students have fun because we performers are all natural showoffs!"

I want to thank Brouse and her accompanist, Nina Alspaugh, for inviting my son and me to her informal recital and letting her students Mary and Stefanie perform for us. I hope she continues to give her students the opportunity to perform for neighbors and friends. Someday one of us just may watch one of her students reach stardom!

(Editor's note: Greene resides on Redstone Arsenal.)

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# Announcements

## Sports & Recreation

### Polo game

The Huntsville Polo Club will play for the Cavalry Cup on Sept. 13. Game time is 2 p.m. (gates open at 1). The site is Harris Hill Farm at Highway 72 East and Moore's Mill Road. Look for the entrance on the south side of Highway 72, east of the traffic light at Moore's Mill Road. There is no admission charge. This is a family oriented, casual event. For more information, call Fred Lee 880-3364 (home) or Cissie Jones on the Huntsville Polo Club hotline 851-0075.

### Strength training

Victor Terrell, a strength trainer at Pagano Gym, is offering a class to ID cardholders on strength training, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility and weight management. The

class is held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Pagano. For more information, call Terrell 864-2638.

### Ten-miler scrapped

Because of budget constraints, Redstone Arsenal will not be sending a team to the annual Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C. Skip Vaughn, the coach, expresses his regrets to all those who tried out for this year's team.

### Ala. A&M football

Here's the Alabama A&M University football schedule: Sept. 5— Jacksonville State at home. Sept. 12— Grambling State at home. Sept. 19— Mississippi Valley at home. Sept. 26— Morris Brown at Atlanta. Oct. 3— Tennessee State at Nashville. Oct. 10— Southern at home. Oct. 17— Tuskegee at Tuskegee. Oct. 24— Miles at home. Oct. 31— Ala. State at Birmingham. Nov. 7— open. Nov. 14— Alcorn State at home. Nov. 21— Ark.-Pine Bluff at Pine Bluff.

## Health Matters

### 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.

### Appointments filled

"All appointments for the retiree courtesy physicals are filled and we regret any inconvenience," Fox Army Health Center said Friday in response to continued calls from interested retirees.

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## Pointers On Pets

### Puppy Tips: Teething

By Dr. Dan Carey

(NAPS)—Puppy-hood is a critical time for both you and your new puppy. Here are some facts about teething and feeding that may help:

Your puppy will start teething between three and four months of age and should complete teething by seven months of age. During



Sometimes puppies show reluctance to eat during teething. Try soaking dry food in warm water for ten minutes prior to feeding.

During this phase, the puppy will chew on playthings more frequently, and you may find signs of blood on the puppy's toys. This is perfectly normal. Sometimes, puppies show reluctance to eat during teething. If this happens, try the following:

- Soak dry food in warm water for ten minutes prior to feeding, or...
- Feed high quality canned puppy food for a few days until your puppy's teeth and gums are more comfortable.

Remember, teething is a natural part of being a puppy.

Your puppy will reach mature size at about 12 months—or 18-24 months if you have a large or giant breed. Good nutrition plays a vital role in your puppy's health and well-being throughout life. That's why choosing a high-quality, premium Jams' Puppy Food available in Original Formula, Lamb Meal & Rice Formula, or new Large Breed Formula will help your dog live a long, healthy life.

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Dr. Carey writes the "Ask The Veterinarian" column in *You & Your Dog* magazine.



Irene Joliot-Curie, daughter of Nobel Prize-winning physicists Marie and Pierre Curie, won a Nobel Prize herself in 1935, for chemistry.



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### Blood drive

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hispanic Employment Program Committees (HEPC) for the Aviation and Missile Command, the Marshall Space Flight Center and Logistics Support Activity have joined forces to celebrate this year's event. To kick off the event, they have planned and scheduled a blood drive campaign beginning Sept. 10 and ending Sept. 18. The following schedule has been confirmed with the American Red Cross, Sparkman Management Office, and NASA: Sept. 10—Sparkman Center building 5309, room 9128, from 7:30 a.m.-1230 p.m., Wally Gonzalez Jr. 313-2125, Dianne Stephens 955-8719 or Pamela Lee 955-7179. Sept. 10-18—The American Red Cross, 1101 Washington St., from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday; phone 536-0084. Sept. 18—MSFC, building 4752, All Purpose Room, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alicia Beam 544-2849 or Wally Gonzalez Jr. 313-2125. All employees are encouraged to donate blood.

### Miscellaneous

#### Community fellowship

Everyone is invited to join members of Saint Bartley P.B. Church in Huntsville in a trip to St. Louis Sept. 12-13. They will attend the worship service at 11 a.m. Sept. 13 at Calvary Baptist Church, 2822 Martin Luther King Blvd., St. Louis. For more information, call Harrison Wells 842-8543 or 859-3361.

#### Aviation symposium

The third annual AAAA/AUSA Army Aviation Simulation Symposium will be held Sept. 16-18 at Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Va. For information call Bill Harris (203) 226-8184.

#### Korea veterans

A reunion for Korean War veterans will be held Oct. 21-25 at Virginia Beach, Va. For information call 1-800-523-4715.

#### Philippine-Americans

The Philippine-American Association of Alabama will hold its annual Inaugural Ball, Sept. 12 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the North Hall of the Von Braun Center to benefit the National Children's Advocacy Center and the American Heart Association. Scheduled speaker is U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer. The evening will also include dinner, cocktails, Philippine dance performances, dance music by Denim and door prizes. Individual tickets are \$30 in

advance and \$35 at the door. Tables may be sponsored. For more information, call Tess Neumann 313-1258.

#### Retired officers' wives

All retired officers' wives new to the area and wives of newly retired officers are invited to join the Retired Officers' Wives Group. For more information, call Peggy Patch 772-8268.

#### Officer/civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will have its fall signup coffee Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Light refreshments will be served. All active duty and retired officers and their spouses, as well as all active and retired federal employees, grade GS-9 and above, and their spouses are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. For child care information, call 721-9530. For all other information, call Susan Carr 430-1705.

#### Retirement ceremony

The quarterly retirement ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. Oct. 8 at the quadrangle behind HHC AMCOM (building 3437). Rehearsal will be held at 7 a.m. Oct. 7 at the same location. If you wish to participate in the retirement ceremony call Support Operations, SSgt. Trescott 842-2385 or 876-2819 by Sept. 18.

#### Logistics award

The 1998 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award luncheon/ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept 10, at the Redstone Arsenal Club. The following individuals have been nominated for this award: Katherine C. Blevins, Logistics Division, THAAD Project Office; Ricky A. Brock, Scout/Attack Product Managers Office, Deputy for Systems Acquisition; George E. Collier, Logistics Division, Javelin Project Office; Lt. Col. William G. Lake, Fixed Wing Product Office, DSA; Dianne B. Landtroop, Missile Logistics Directorate, Acquisition Center; Charles W. Smith, Depot Division, Business Management Directorate, IMMC; and James R. Wasson, Business Management Directorate, IMMC. The nominees will be recognized during the ceremony, and Ernest A. Young, former deputy to the commanding general who retired recently, will announce the winner of the 1998 award. Tickets for the event are \$9 each and are available in each directorate office of the IMMC or from the following: Joan Hoge, Virtual/Single IMMC, 842-8280; Everett Brooks, THAAD Project Office, 955-1793; Charlotte Clemons, Javelin Project Office, 876-1932; Diane Couch, Acquisition Center, 842-7224; Lilian Partida/Sheila Blair, Scout/Attack Product Office, DSA, 955-7159/955-7004; and

Nelson Martin, Fixed Wing Product Office, DSA, 955-0794. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Anne Hughes, IMMC, 876-1757.

#### Blacks in government

The BIG Scholarship Ball, sponsored by Blacks in Government, will be held 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Von Braun Center. Eric Essix is scheduled entertainer. Tickets cost \$25 single, \$45 couple. For information call Al Mitchell 876-3156 or Veretta Williams 955-0875.

#### PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours on Labor Day, Sept. 7: 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.

#### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Nancy Archuleta, CEO of Mevatec. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Janet Sierna 955-3890.

#### NCO graduation

The NCO Academy will hold a graduation ceremony Sept. 10 for the Advanced/Basic Noncommissioned Course. The graduation will be held at 9 a.m. in the graduation hall of building 3329. The public is invited. For more information, call 955-7954.

#### Chapel women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 at Bicentennial Chapel. Ladies are invited for an evening of fellowship, music, snacks and more. The scheduled theme is "Which Gift is Yours." For more information, call Doshia Wilson 880-1166 (leave message).

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# Announcements

## Seafood festival

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## War veterans

War veterans are invited to share their stories in a contest sponsored by the Madison County Military Heritage Commission. First, second and third prize medals will be given in two categories: veterans' stories, memoirs, memorabilia and mementos from 1776 to 1997; and why our military heritage is so special. Entries from local veterans' chapters and posts are due by Sept. 17 to the Military Heritage Commission, Madison County Courthouse, room 105 at 115 Washington St., Huntsville 35801.

## Marine Corps league

The Marine Corps League will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 8 at the American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave. The sixth anniversary of the league will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7. All present and past Marines are invited.

## Logistics training

Logistics Management Information Training, sponsored by Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE (the International Society of Logistics), will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Tom Beville Center. Cost is \$150 for non-members of SOLE, \$125 for members. The cost includes a lunch buffet

in the Tom Beville Center. To register call Barbara Davis or Chuck Slyker 955-0055 by Sept. 8.

## Florida Tech

Florida Institute of Technology is conducting registration for the Networking Basics course which will meet from 5-9 p.m. weekly for four weeks from Sept. 29 to Oct. 20. Government employees have priority on classroom seats. Enrollment is open to all area residents. For more information call the administrative office— in building 5304, room 4326 — at 881-7878.

## St. Louis bus

The Sept. 3 bus trip to St. Louis has been canceled because only half of the required reservations for break-even were in hand, according to organizers. "Hopefully we'll get back on track with the Sept. 17th bus," they said in a prepared release. Those who paid for the Labor Day bus can credit this payment to the Sept. 17 bus or get reimbursed. For information call Dennis 313-2406, Dan 313-2809 or the apartment 464-5705. Dennis will be TDY from Sept. 1-18, so please inform Dan of any bus reservations, etc., during this time.

## Paper airplanes

The annual Great Paper Airplane Contest, sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at Marshall Space Flight Center building 4752. The contest is free and open to the public. Children and adults can try their hand at being aircraft designers and aviators

as they compete with paper airplanes for awards in the areas of acrobatics, distance, time of flight, accuracy, and artistic appeal. For more information, call Paul Luz 544-0512.

## Telephone directory

Oct. 2 is the final day for changing or adding a listing in BellSouth's upcoming Huntsville telephone directory. Residential customers should call 557-6500, and business customers should call 557-6000 to discuss directory listings. A service charge is applicable for adding or changing a listing.

The new directories will be delivered to area homes and businesses beginning Dec. 16.

## Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The membership will vote at this meeting on the DoD Acquisition Corps Personnel Demonstration Project but all collective bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

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### Found property

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### Belly dance class

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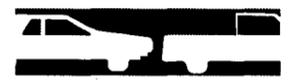


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'95 Mustang. V6, black, 48K mi., loaded, new tires, exc. cond. \$11,000. 880-8307 after 6 pm

'94 Mazda B2300 P/U with matching camper shell. 5 sp., air, 57K mi., immaculate. \$7,700 obo. 883-6894.

'93 Ford Taurus GL. White, 3.0 V6, exc. cond., 160K mi. Retail \$6035. \$4,995 obo. (256) 582-8674. Can be seen in Hsv.

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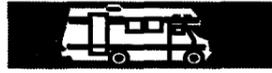
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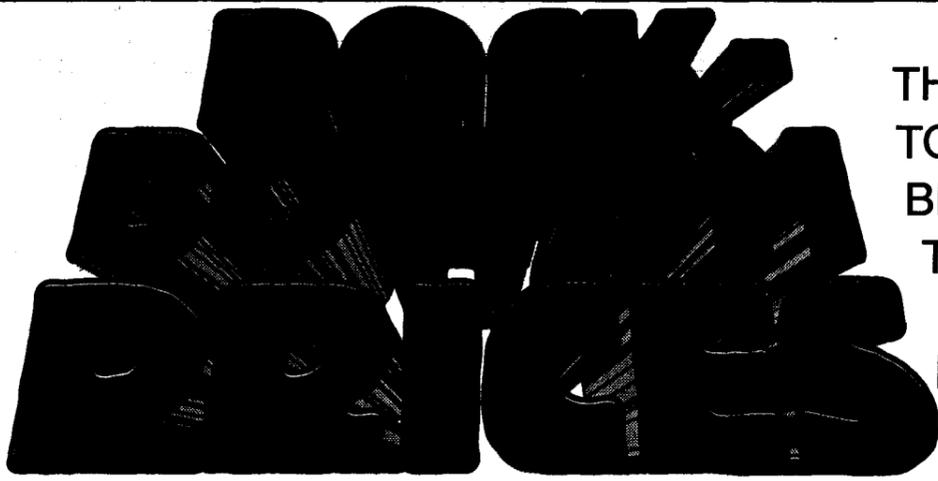
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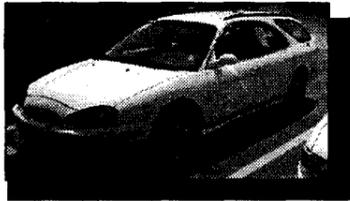
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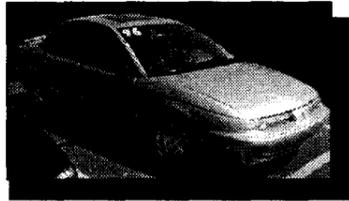
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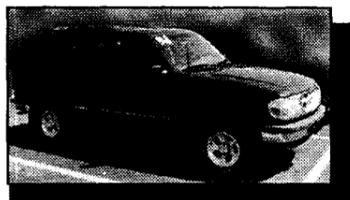


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