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## Fall festival...

Shatterra West gets some advice from McGruff, crime prevention dog, at the Child Development Center's fall festival Oct. 23.

## Marines' birthday

The 223rd Marine Corps Birthday is Nov. 10. Two hundred, 23 years ago, the Second Continental Congress created a Corps of Marines to defend the American Colonies and to fight for the rich blessings of liberty and democracy.

The Marines from the Marine Corps Detachment, Redstone Arsenal, would like to wish all active duty, retired and former Marines a happy 223rd Marine Corps Birthday. Semper Fidelis!

Maj. T.J. Neis  
Commanding officer,  
Marine Corps Detachment

## Direct deposit remains a requirement

All defense checks will be sent electronically starting Jan. 1

By Skip Vaughn

Despite some opposition, the Defense Department is moving ahead with its plans to enforce mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer effective in January 1999.

That doesn't set well with William Priven and the 83 other members of AMCOM who continue to receive their paychecks by mail. Under this requirement for direct deposit, their checks will be suspended after Jan. 1 until they switch to the electronic payment method.

"I think EFT is a good thing," Priven, a member of the Corporate Information Center, said. "I think America is a good thing, too. America is a land of choices. I had EFT at one time. When they told me I had to have EFT, I said 'sorry, no thank you.'"

Priven said mandatory direct deposit— particularly the ruling that banks are required to report suspicious activity — violates his rights under the Fourth Amendment.

The Department of Army, the Army Materiel Command, and the Aviation and Missile Command are following the Defense Department's policy on electronic funds transfer. The Treasury Department, on the other hand, decided last September that federal payment recipients should have a choice in whether or not to use direct deposit. Defense officials counter that the Treasury decision does not apply to DoD in that it doesn't follow the federal law.

This Defense policy is based on the Debit Collection Improvement Act of 1996 which includes a provision requiring all federal payments be made electronically, according to Randy Gloyd, chief of financial management division at Resource Management Directorate.

"Effective Jan. 1, 1999, it will be mandatory for pay as well as travel— pay will be done through Electronic Funds Transfer," Gloyd said, "which means the employee will have to have a bank account. They will no longer receive a check in the mail."

AMCOM officials checked last week with their point of contact at headquarters Army Materiel Command, and found that there has been no change in policy.

All but 84 of the 10,500 Army civilians in Redstone organizations receive their pay electronically. The transition to electronic payments for contractors began in October, and that will also become mandatory next year.

"It's less than 1 percent that have not signed up," Harold Jacobs, chief of the systems management division, said of the 84 holdouts.

Unlike the Treasury policy that allows for hardship waivers, there is no such provision in the Defense

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Part I of a series...

## Veteran recalls first taste of combat in Korean War

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series by John McQuiston, a management analyst at Missile and Space Intelligence Center, on a local veteran of the Korean War.

By John McQuiston

Wars not only result in pain and suffering for inhabitants of countries in which they are fought, they forever change the lives of the warfighters that acutally participate in them. Eternal scars are forever embedded in their bodies and minds that serve to constantly remind them of their experiences. Here is one man's story:

William "Willie" James Wilson was born on his grandfather's farm in



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IN TRIBUTE— The Korean War Memorial, a tribute to the Americans who fought in the 1950-53 conflict, is among the points of interest in Washington, D.C.

Ryland (Madison County) on Sept. 9, 1932 to Robert Gaines and Ernestine

Thomas Wilson. The son of a career Navy air/sea rescuer whose duty kept him away from home most of the time, Wilson and his brothers and sisters spent their early years with their grandparents.

When the Korean War was in full progress, Wilson was a single man

and about to be drafted. He was in perfect health and played football in high school. Like many other young men of that time, he chose to enlist in the Air Force instead of being drafted and visited the local recruiter to fill out the necessary paperwork. The Air

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*'The first time a person hears a bullet go by, he fears, wets his pants, calls for Mama.'*

— William 'Willie' Wilson



## Letters To The Editor

### Generous givers

As a Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, employee and a volunteer worker for the Combined Federal Campaign, I would like to say that I am proud to be a part of both great organizations.

As a CFC worker for the past six years, I have toured several agencies within the city, to include Palmer Drug Abuse, Loaves and Fishes, Women's Shelter and the Passage. I (along with other volunteers) have had the opportunity to visit these agencies and others. I have gotten a firsthand look at the wonderful work these organizations are doing to help the people in our community. I wish all the CCAD'ers could tour the agencies and see the wonderful job they are doing.

It is because of people like the Corpus Christi Army Depot commander, Col. Dennis Williamson, the CCAD management, and the generous workforce here at CCAD that every year the Combined Federal Campaign can live up to its slogan, "Give because it matters."

**Alex Reyna**

### Good school

In 1996 I was one of the St. Louis workers who were told they would be re-located to Huntsville. My son is currently a ninth-grade student at Johnson High School. I am very pleased with the decision to send him to Johnson. The teachers, principal, vice principals, counselors, security personnel, office staff, library staff, cafeteria staff, Huntsville police officers, and coaches go out of their way to ensure the success of our children. In spite of the bad things said about JHS, they are focused and persistent in their ministry of educating and grooming our children to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

My son was scheduled to speak at a recorded forum. He wrote a speech and was unable to give it because of a previously scheduled doctor's appointment. I would like to share his speech with you.

"Johnson High is a very positive school. Tonight I would like to put my emphasis on the teachers. The teachers at Johnson High are very, very motivated and devoted to their jobs. Instead of writing disruptive kids up for every little thing they do, the teachers first try to get to the problem, instead of getting mad. They try to find a positive solution.

"One of my personal best teachers is the biology teacher, Mr. Speller. Mr. Speller, for example, doesn't give us work and just make us do it. He goes step by step making sure you learn the material for further use. He not only works with just the book, we also talk about current events, such as the Y2K problem.

"Mr. Speller is not the only good teacher at Johnson. All of them are good teachers. Hopefully this year it will reflect on every last student at J.O.J. High School."

I must echo my son's praise of the staff at Johnson. The teachers are in constant contact with me. They call when he's doing good and when he talking too much in the class. They are patient and persevere (sometimes with overcrowded classrooms and negative publicity). Dr. Booker is working to alleviate the crowded classrooms.

There are many dedicated volunteers who help make Johnson a success. If there are any of your readers who would like to help as a tutor, they may join us at the times and places listed below.

**TUTORING**— Mornings: 7-8 a.m. Johnson High School Library. Afternoons: 3-5 p.m. Johnson High School Library. Evenings: 5:30-7 p.m. (Mon/Wed) Union Hill PB Church. Evenings: 5:30-7 p.m. (Wednesday) Union Chapel PB Church. Evenings: NW YMCA (time and dates to be announced).

**ACT Prep**— Evenings: 5:30- 7 p.m. Union Hill PB Church; Monday/Wednesday, approximately five weeks prior to the exam.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Gene Perry, PTSA president, at 830-9262 (work) or 852-1170 (home) or email address gperry@Premier-Inc.com. They may also contact me at 313-4216 (work) or 859-9758 (home) or email address janice\_isbell@hotmail.com.

I encourage all parents to involve their children in one of the aforementioned tutorial sessions if they are not making A's and B's. Yes we must stretch our youth to not settle for less than a B in any course. It is important they are aware of the significance of their grade-point-averages. The competition is tough. The community has indicated a willingness to work with us to help raise all the students in the Johnson High School Village.

It is important that we as parents take advantage of this help. It is more important that we visit our children's teachers, counselors and vice principals to maintain awareness of how our children are performing academically and behaviorally. The bottom line is, we are the ones who determine how successful our children are in school.

**Janice Isbell**

### Amoeba road

Sometimes changes are justified when based on an awareness of a particular weakness or need. It's human nature to not like changes; however, there are times we "change for the sake of changing." Unneeded changes are usually intertwined with "cliches" and presented with make-believe rationale to make us feel good. When societies or organizations become comfortable with "changing for the sake of changing," then the road to extinction is likely. I am reminded of a story about such a society that "just wanted to change." The story has some embellishment and goes something like this:

The country cheered. At last the long awaited research spaceship was launched on its mission to find life in the deepest edge of the universe. The mission was a secret in

the early days and known only by a few select people. After all the sovereignty of the nation was at stake. The crew consisted of the ship's Flight Support Personnel and Mission Personnel. The mission crew consisted of the greatest minds in: Substance Behavior, The Birth of Energy, Detection of Non-Existent Matter, Space Behavior and Time Management, Degradation of Perpetual Motion, and Sensors for Language and/or Energy Interpretation. Since the ship was capable of traveling at five times the speed of light, the crew had to be placed in suspended life support only two times for a period of six months each on the outgoing flight.

Fuel for the ship was not a problem since the exterior recharging sensors performed at 100 percent in perfect darkness. This allowed the crew to function without worry about sufficient fuel for the return leg of the flight. The mission was about to be given up as hopeless when a message came across the screen that one of the sensors had detected a signal that was one-millionth of a second in duration. It was determined that the ship had traveled one-hundredth of a light-year past the origin of the signal. After many attempts to find the location of the signal source, the crew aborted the search. Now the emphasis was on understanding the signal.

Many copies of the signal were made and the original recording of the signal was placed in the ship survival vault that had been designed to withstand an impact on the sun. The mission specialists could now dedicate their full energy to decoding the short signal they had recorded. In preparation for such an event, the nutritional therapy lab had perfected the No-Fatigue-Munchie-Bar. This food substance would allow the crew to work without rest or sleep as long as they ate the special food.

Once again the mission specialist was close to surrendering and would have except for the determination of the space behavior and time management specialists. He did not accept the rule that no two objects can occupy the same space at the same time. He believed that two objects occupying the same space is possible; the problem is it's just our limited ability to expand time far enough to allow us to measure that concept. He believed that we could see evidence of this fact if we could "shave" the object into small enough time-slices, then we could determine time-source. Therefore, various slices of time would then reveal the unknown intelligence. His theory was correct.

With this breakthrough, the mission crew: expanded the one-millionth of a second energy-object signal, analyzed these time slices, and recorded in their data files what appeared to be the total history of an extinct civilization. This society believed that the survival of any people must be based on a foundation of the WORD. They believed in character, professionalism, the rule of law, and most of all that words have meaning. This society believed that: a "rose by another name is still a rose" or when one knows the ingredients of a cake then one

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### Holiday viewpoint...

## America gives well-deserved thanks on Veterans Day

By Melody Rimmer

Try to imagine a world where daily you watch your friends and neighbors try and fight to protect themselves. This is how our nation might be if it weren't for our veterans. Without them our country would be powerless against any opposition that we might encounter.

So with Veterans Day advancing, I decided to take a little time to reflect on what this holiday real-

ly symbolizes. To most students, Veterans Day is simply a day off from school; but in reality; it means a whole lot more.

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, but it was then changed in order to honor all of the United States' veterans. On Nov. 11, America takes a day to give thanks to all the men and women who have fought for our nation.

Each year on this day a ceremony is held at the Tomb of the Unknowns to honor our veterans.

The observance starts at exactly 11 a.m., which symbolizes the ending of World War I, and the most momentous moment is the placing of the presidential wreath in front of the first Unknown Soldier.

Our society veterans are not given half of the appreciation that they are entitled to. We simply think that someone else will always be there to come to our country's aid. But what would happen if everyone suddenly lost patriotism and there was no one

there to protect your own family. You would be forced to fight for something that everyone had classified as someone else's chore.

So, before you categorize Veterans Day as just another holiday, think again. Because without their help, America would not be as powerful as we are today.

(Editor's note: Rimmer is a senior at Woodville High School. She is the daughter of Linda Hussey, a system analyst with contractor NCCIM.)



Photo from Linda Hussey  
**RIMMER**

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Three years running...

# Commissary brings home merchandising award

By Sandy Riebeling

On your average trip to the grocery store it's not commonplace to find the Cheetos next to the waterfall or the Coca-Cola stacked near the World War II jeep, but it happens at the Commissary on Redstone Arsenal. Creative merchandising displays like these have made the Redstone Commissary the store to beat in the Defense Commissary Agency's nationwide annual merchandising contest.

For the third year in a row, the Commissary has brought home an award in the annual merchandising competition among all the commissaries stateside.

"We had some great ideas and nice displays for the contest this year," Lee Wainwright, Commissary officer, said. "It gets more sophisticated every year."

The competition is four consecutive weeks, divided evenly between two display periods. This year it ran from May 11 to June 7. The first two weeks centered around an Armed

Forces Day theme while the next two focused on the Director's Sale.

For the Armed Forces Day display, Coca-Cola brought in a vintage World War II jeep to use in a bunker display. Wainwright stuffed sandbags with 10-pound bags of charcoal for a lightweight but authentic look. He also made use of camouflage netting, mannequins dressed in fatigues and lots of American flags. He created a jungle scene with foliage and a real waterfall.

"For the Director's Sale display we put the history of the commissary— not just ours but how they were first used when they followed the troops around in something called a Sutler House," Wainwright said. "We even built a little one in the store."

Displays like this don't just happen overnight though. It takes months of planning and brainstorming to come up with winning creations.

"I have some very creative people here and I

encourage them to think outside of the box—to take an idea from two dimensions to three," Wainwright said. "They've done a great job."

The competition displays include showcasing hundreds of items mandated by the MBU rules. Contest periods and winners are chosen by the DeCA headquarters in Fort Lee, Va. Submissions for the competition are done by mailing a portfolio of pictures and graphics to show off the displays and to prove that the mandated items are used.

"We got a lot of help with our portfolio from the graphics lab here on post. They did a wonderful job," Wainwright said, adding that presentation is a key to the competition.

While crediting the graphics department for a job well done, Wainwright spread the praise around.

"It is very much a team effort," he said. "I have some really talented merchandisers. Ken Chastain, the grocery manager and

Chuck Hughes, a merchandiser, are creative giants."

Others team players Wainwright credited were Jerry Young, grocery supervisor; store workers Arnold Eubanks, Charles Ashford, Dee Martin, Don Robinson, Frank James, Frank Logan, James Draper, Larry Lambert, Lydia Gardner, Richard Keys and Shelby Crutcher and cashiers Gloria Anderson, Jan Durham and Ivy Maroney.

"I try to encourage everyone to be a part of it. All of the grocery employees worked hard, but we had a lot of help from others in the store as well as sales reps." Wainwright singled out Zofia Rodgers of Kraft/General Foods and Darlene Piontek of Dunham and Smith as deserving of special credit for their help.

Competitions began in 1995, but the Commissary didn't enter that first year. Since then, they've brought home an award every year.

"The competition is getting tougher," Wainwright said. "We don't go out want-

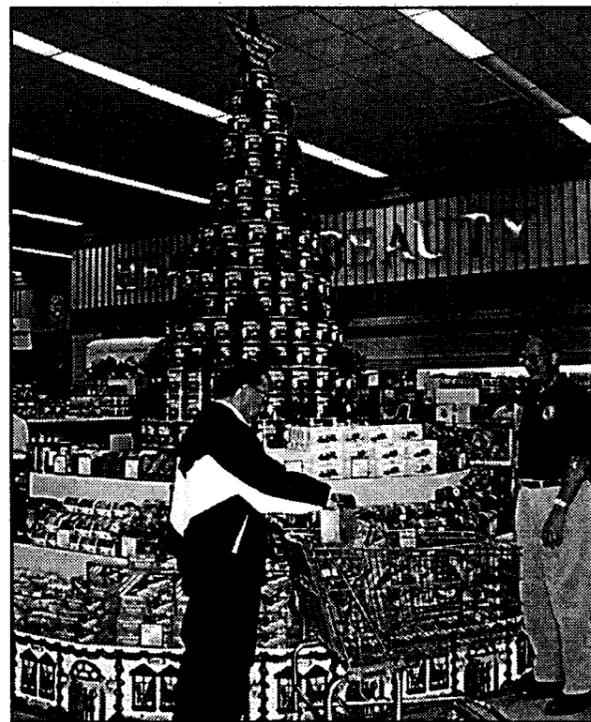


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**HOLIDAY DISPLAY**—Commissary customer Jimmie Bates eyes the goodies at a holiday display featuring select foods from Germany. Wainwright, right, says he's just getting started on the Christmas displays.

ing to beat everyone else. We concentrate on improving on our own efforts from the year before. We compete against ourselves."

Although the competition is only four weeks out of the year, the Commissary takes pride offering new and exciting displays year-round. Earlier this

year the store won a contest sponsored by Purina by using bags of dog food to create the base of a Conestoga wagon then adding a white rounded canvas over the top. The "Chow Wagon" display won \$1,000 which was donated to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund on post.

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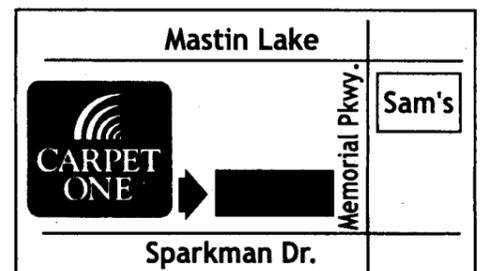


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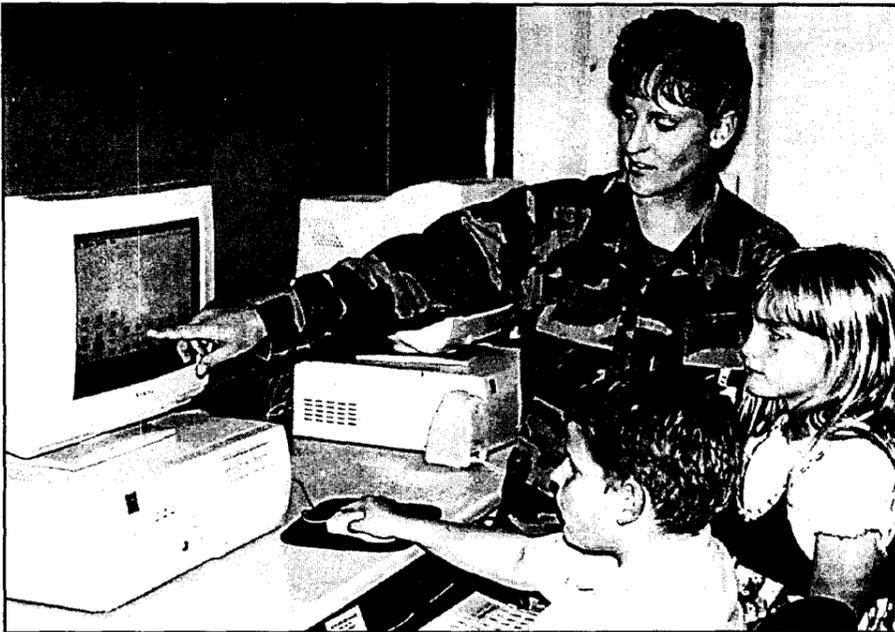
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Serving on home front...

# Military families valued Armywide as heartbeat of the soldier



**NEW ARMY**— Single mom and Spec. Linda Bedard works at the Medical Activity during the day then spends her evenings with her children David, Anastasia and Michael, not pictured.



**TRADITION WITH A TWIST**— Joanna is the wife of SFC Stephen DeBusschere, and mother of three, Raymond, Ben and Daniel. She also works outside the home at Redstone Federal Credit Union.

Photos and story by  
Sandy Riebeling

The military family has undergone drastic changes over the past three decades. Army spouse doesn't necessarily mean wife anymore. Many single soldiers, male and female, have taken on the sole parenting responsibilities while building a career in the military. There are also more dual military couples these days. What hasn't changed is the sacrifice, selflessness and dedication of the family behind the soldier.

Military Family Week, Nov. 22-29, is set aside as a time to honor the military family's contributions that strengthen and equip the

soldier to perform the mission with excellence.

"The military family faces a unique set of circumstances— being away from home, family, friends—that's where most people get their support," Ivy Downs, quality of life coordinator at Redstone, said. "When you become a member of the Army family, you draw on the support of the other military families and people in the Army to help you through. And they are a great source of support."

Army life is about more than serving your country. It's about moving every two years, leaving friends and family, children changing schools, the spouse

finding a new job, learning new locations, even new countries all while trying to keep some semblance of order, peace and continuity within the family.

"A soldier can't fully focus on the mission if he or she is worried about his family and how they are adjusting," Sue Paddock, Army Community Service chief, said. "If the family is happy, the soldier is happy and more productive, that's the bottom line."

Wives, husbands, par-

ents and children all have to adjust and sacrifice to make the military family work—to keep the soldier ready to serve—to keep the Army strong.

ACS offers a variety of programs to educate, support and assist Army families with their needs,

"We have a New Parent support program that conducts play mornings for parents to bring their children, which also gives the parents a way to connect with other military parents and share their problems and ideas," Paddock said. "It's been very successful."

Paddock also suggests that newcomers try to find an organization to volunteer with so that they can make friends, form a support network and learn about their surroundings.

"We offer a lot of different programs, and that's really neat, but sometimes, people come in and they just need to talk—to connect with someone, and we do that too," Paddock said. "Many times someone will come in to borrow an ironing board or some pots until their household goods arrive and in just a few minutes of talking with

them, we are able to identify other areas that we can help them with. That's what we're here for—to help the family."

Robert E. Hall, Sergeant Major of the Army, wrote in a letter to military families, "As our forces stand ready on the tip of the spear in numerous places around the world, we count on the family unit to take care of the home front. Your understanding and patience is as equally important as the service of the active duty member you support. We

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Serving largest meal of year...

# Military dining hall will open to all on Thanksgiving Day

By Sandy Riebeling

Forget the shopping, cleaning, cooking, dishes and stress of hosting a huge holiday meal this Thanksgiving. Make a change in tradition and bring the family to the military dining hall at Redstone Arsenal where they'll be served succulent turkey, ham and roast beef with steaming vegetables, warm rolls and spicy pumpkin pie.

It's a feast fit for a king on a day that celebrates family, friends, and everything held dear in our lives. It's also the one day a year the military dining hall is open for the public to come and share a meal with soldiers, to offer encouragement to those away from their own families and friends and to say thanks.

"The soldiers enjoy the meal," CWO 2 Reginald Hughes, installation food adviser, said. "Having civilians in the dining room makes it more like a downtown restaurant. It also gives them a chance to talk to the general and commanders, casual conversation they may only get this one time a year. They enjoy that."

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, will attend the dinner with his wife and visiting children and grandchildren in from North Carolina.

Diners begin their meal with a chilled shrimp cocktail and a choice of salads before enjoying the entrees of roast turkey, baked ham and steamship round, coupled with cornbread dressing, vegetables including mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, buttered green peas with mushrooms, buttered corn, buttered broccoli, cranberry sauce and hot rolls. After dinner, if there's any room left, enjoy pumpkin pie with whipped cream, mincemeat pie, assorted candies, fruit cake mixed nuts and fresh fruit.

"We start ordering for the meal a month out," Hughes said. "We'll use 230 pounds of turkey, 80 of ham, 120 of steamship round and probably 150 pounds of shrimp."

A night shift is added to the schedule on the eve of Thanksgiving to slow roast the steamship overnight and begin preparations for the dressing. It's expected to be a slow breakfast so the cooks coming in at 4 a.m. and concentrate mostly on dinner preparations. Displays are put out right after breakfast is finished.

"We have plenty of help," Mattie Booker, mess hall attendant leader, said. Working Thanksgiving has become a tradition for many of the kitchen staff, including Booker. "Everybody works together. We have a good time back here. Of course, we get tired of working on Thanksgiving but it's really not so bad. People give us a lot of compliments about the food."

Meals are served on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hughes recommended that parties of 10 or more either come early, before the rush from noon to 1 p.m., or later.

"There usually isn't much of a wait if any at all," said Hughes.

Last year's Thanksgiving Day crowd numbered more than 500 and more is expected this year. The facility seats 175 but turn-around time is quick enough to let people eat a leisurely meal and still get the diners through without a wait. On normal days, the staff serves about 450 for breakfast, 475 for lunch and 375 for supper.

"This is our biggest meal of the year," Hughes said. "We want it to be considered a family event. To bring people from everywhere out."

Hughes is also hoping to call in a favor on a local singer friend to provide a few songs for entertainment. Nothing is set yet but don't be surprised if there's a serenade with dinner.

The meal is served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the dining facility, building 3438, on Honest John Road. For enlisted soldiers on a meal card, dinner is free. Family members of active duty in pay grades E-1 through E-4, the cost is \$4. The meal for all others is \$5.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

IN THE KITCHEN— Cooks Betty Jones and Ann Jolly are expecting more than 500 soldiers and civilians for the Thanksgiving Day feast at the military dining hall.

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Focusing on education...

# Special week builds bridge between schools and community

By John Allen

When was the last time you visited a neighborhood school? The American Education Association and the American Legion think you should do it soon— even if you're not a parent. That's been one of the goals of American Education Week since 1921, when it was founded by the AEA and American Legion.

Nov. 16-20 is American Education Week, a time for focusing on increased public understanding and appreciation of the nation's schools. It is hoped that the combined efforts of community education agencies during this special week will build civic and community pride and support for education.

"Teaching People to Think and Dream: Togetherness Through Education" is the theme for this year's effort. It is designed to remind people that schools provide students with both skills and hope for the

future— and that schools can be places of learning, intelligence and wonder.

To help accomplish this goal, a consortium of area agencies has put together a series of activities, two of which will be at the Sparkman Center. The series is as follows:



- Nov. 16— Musical concert by area school bands will be held at Bob Jones High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

- Nov. 17— Breakfasts and activities at local schools will take place from 7-8 a.m.

- Nov. 18— College mentoring programs will be available at local schools

from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Nov. 19— Education Expo No. 1 will be at Sparkman Center, building 5309, room 9128 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Education Expo No. 2 will be at Army Education Center, building 3222 from noon to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served at both expos.

- Nov. 20— Luncheon, Hilton Inn downtown; student essay and art contests awards; Dr. Ed Richardson, state superintendent of education, is the featured speaker at this event scheduled 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A large turnout at last year's luncheon necessitated the turning away of some 40 persons.

The American Education Week activities at Redstone are being coordinated by Jim Campbell, education services officer, and Joe Winston, chief of military personnel services and emergency operations division, and their staffs.

"American Education Week is for publicly recognizing how important education is to people of all ages and to our nation," Campbell said. Winston agreed, and added "It is a time for strengthening the



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PROCLAMATION SIGNING—** Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signs a proclamation for American Education Week, Nov. 16-20.

Looking on are Campbell, left, education services officer, and Winston, chief of military personnel services and emergency operations division, Personnel and Training Directorate.

connection between our educational institutions and the public."

Winston said the TV broadcast, a "Chat with the Chief," announced in last week's *Rocket*, has been canceled.

**Battle of the bands**

The musical concert on Monday evening at Bob Jones High School will feature bands from eight schools. They include Alabama A&M, Calhoun Community College, University of North Alabama, Oakwood College, Hunts-

ville Youth Orchestra, Lee High School, Buckhorn High School, Bob Jones High School, and "other fabulous talent," according to a release. Each group is limited to 15 minutes, including setup.

**Education expos**

The purpose of the two expos Nov. 19 is to disseminate the latest information on local educational oppor-

tunities, including scholarships and loans. Representatives will be present from local schools, the Army Education Center, CPAC, and Huntsville's office of education excellence. Refreshments will be served at both locations. Expo No. 2 will also have representatives from ROTC and the Recruiting Command. Refreshments will be served at both locations.

Native-American heritage...

## Celebration offers food, dancing, displays on post

Photos and story by John Allen

During November, and for the ninth year in a row, Redstone will participate in Native American Heritage Month. This year's theme is, "Revere the past, live for today, hope for the future."

According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, there are 170 native Americans working on Redstone Arsenal. That's 1.7 percent of the work force.

An Intertribal Celebration will be held Nov. 18, from 3-5 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Included will be educational displays, dancers and food tasting—all free to the public. Dishes available for tasting will be venison chili, spring



**CELEBRATION PLANS—** Redstone's Native American Heritage Committee shows off a poster and Indian artifacts while planning for the annual Intertribal Celebration. From left are Rafael Boudah, Enriqueta Garner, Elias Garib (standing), Kate Love, Anthony Pugh (standing), Betty Abbou, Jackie White (standing), Alicia Leal, Shirley Carney, and Deena Suggs.

stew, Indian fry bread, cranberry bread, Cherokee yam cakes, cactus salad, prickly pear jelly, and saffras tea.

The celebration is being organized by a committee

of Redstone Arsenal native Americans and coordinated by Kate Love, program

manager at the EEO office. For more information, call Love at 876-8015.

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Going paperless...

# Technical editor's CD-ROM a big hit with the Pentagon

By Meloney Jones

A Redstone employee has won the Secretary of the Army Award for Publications Improvements.

James O. Harrison, a technical editor writer with Logistics Support Activity, was honored at the annual Secretary of the Army Awards Ceremony, Nov. 5 at the Pentagon.

Harrison and team members were responsible for converting 3.5 million pages and 20,000 technical publications into electronic format and CD-ROMS. The weapon programs and commodity groups were converted into 133 CD-ROMS for distribution to soldiers in the field.

"It was a team effort to get it done," Harrison said. "The team worked very hard and had to overcome some obstacles, but in the end we successfully completed the project.

"It's gratifying being recognized for doing a good job and performing work that will benefit the Army."

Col. Ronald Hyatte, commander of

LOGSA, and Jack Jones, chief of the Acquisition Logistic Center, accompanied Harrison to the award ceremony.

"The program was a Department of Defense initiative," Jones said. "The Acquisition Logistic Center was given the mission to convert the technical publications into electronic digitization format.

"When we first got the mission it seemed like a impossible mission to accomplish," Jones said. "I had to hire a project leader. I selected Harrison from a competitive announcement. He has done a fantastic job for the organization. This was a very challenging task.

"We nominated Harrison for the award to show our appreciation for his outstanding work, dedication and commitment to the program. After we submitted him for the award, we didn't think about it any more. So when we received a call that he had won, we were pleasantly surprised and excited."

Harrison started the project in April 1995 and didn't finish until last September.

Officials say the conversion of the publications into CDs will benefit soldiers

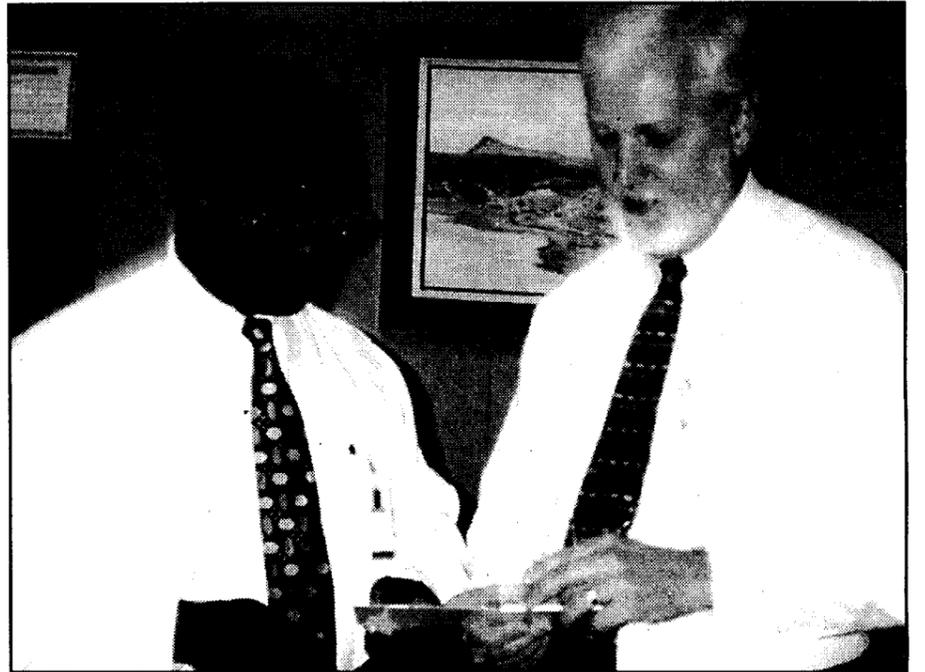


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**TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENT**— Jones, left, talks with Harrison who won a Secretary of the Army Award for converting technical publications into CD-ROMS.

in the field and make it easier to access technical manuals when deployed, especially since the Army is moving toward a paperless work environment.

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Then and now...

# Old post chapel is born again as computer warehouse

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

On Nov. 18, 1956, building 3714, the old Post Chapel's cornerstone was laid. Inscribed on the marble cornerstone were the words: "Erected to the Glory of God."

The chapel had a seating capacity of 250 and provided facilities for a nursery, a social room, six Sunday school rooms, kitchen, choir room, chaplain's offices, blessed sacrament chapel, sacristy and confessional. The building was constructed at an estimated cost of \$283,900. The entire facility was completely air-conditioned.

Services in the Post Chapel were held for the first time June 9, 1957. At that time, Maj. James H. Goewey was the Redstone Arsenal chaplain and Father Theodore L. Flynn was the auxiliary chaplain.

Thirty-nine years later, approval was given from the Department of the Army to close and merge the Post Chapel with the Bicentennial Chapel. All the religious items, including the Alpha and Omega stained glass windows, were removed and transferred from the old Post Chapel and brought to the Bicentennial Chapel.

The picture of the Four Chaplains was also moved to the Bicentennial Chapel and put on display in the activity room. Robert Arthur Boris painted the picture in 1990. The painting represents the event, which

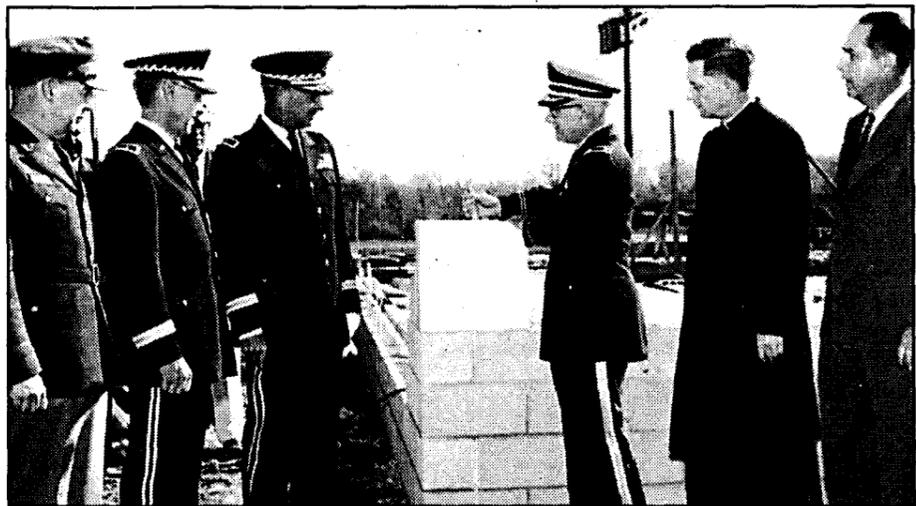
took place Feb. 3, 1943 at 3:55 a.m., when the S.S. Dorchester, a troop transport ship off of the coast of Greenland with 904 passengers and crew was torpedoed by a German submarine. The voices of the chaplains were heard calming and reassuring as they passed out the remaining life jackets from the lockers. When these jackets were gone, they removed their own jackets and gave them to others.

Also, a life jacket with the names of all the chaplains who lost their lives in World Wars I and II, Korean and Vietnam was moved from the Post Chapel to the Bicentennial Chapel.

According to Felicia Matthews, secretary of the chaplain's office, the Post Chapel was closed Dec. 1, 1995.

"After closure of the old Post Chapel, it was in somewhat disrepair because no one was using it," Randy Porter, chief of the training division, said. "We needed an area large enough to store ADP equipment for the installation's redistribution program. We began occupying it Sept. 18, 1996."

Then on Jan. 13, 1998, the responsibility to receive, test and issue excess information-technology resources was moved from the Research Development and Engineering Academic Affairs Office to the Corporate Information Center.



Historical Office files

**CORNERSTONE**— Maj. James H. Goewey, fourth from left, taps into place the cornerstone for the Post Chapel in a ceremony held Nov. 18, 1956. Looking on from left are Col. H. S. Newhall, Maj. Gen. H.N. Toftoy, Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, Father T.H. Flynn, and Ralph Conway, representing the contractor.

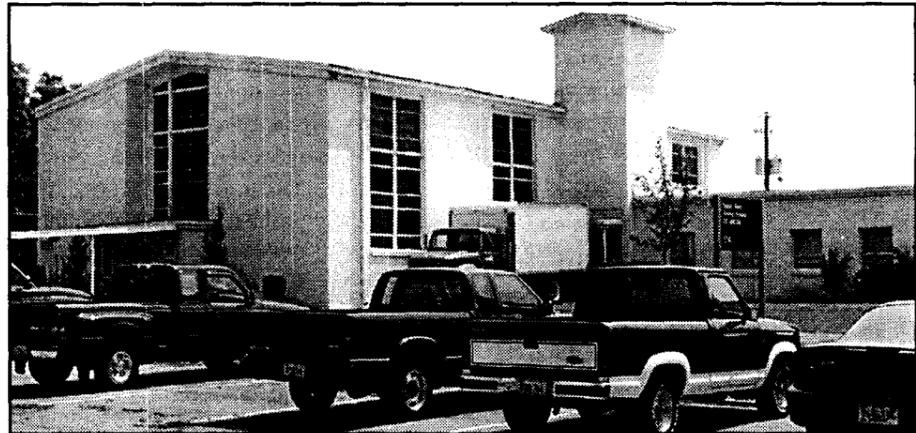


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**CIC WAREHOUSE**— Today the chapel is occupied by the Corporate Information Center. Part of the chapel is a warehouse for the supply and reutilization or school donation program. Fourteen personnel use the other areas in the chapel for administrative duties.

See CHAPEL on page 19

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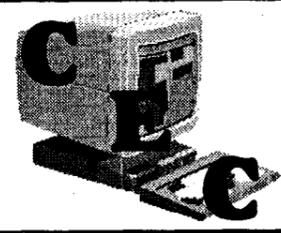
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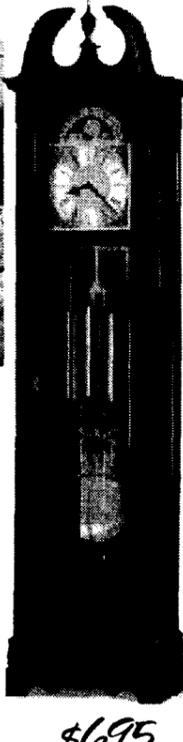
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Having a party...

# Rustic Lodge the place for 'special events extravaganza' Nov. 23

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council will present its first "Special Events Extravaganza" to the Redstone community at the Rustic Lodge, Nov. 23 from 2-6 p.m.

Twenty-five local caterers, florists, photographers will provide free samples of drinks and foods and demonstrate their products and services.

Southern Guns featuring Mary Frey and disc jockey Alabama's Party Pros will provide the entertainment.

The TV/VCR grand prize drawing will be held at 5:45 p.m. Other promotional items will be given away during the event. Door prize tickets will be given away at the

door during the extravaganza. However, winners do not have to be present to win.

The Rustic Lodge is located on Redstone Arsenal overlooking the Tennessee River. The lodge features a new central heat and air-conditioning system, fireplace, patio with carriage lights, annex grillroom with a covered walkway and ample parking. It can be used for showers, wedding receptions, picnics, parties, reunions, meetings and celebrations of all kinds.

Rental fees are \$75 Monday through Thursday, and \$125 Friday through Sunday. After Jan. 1, rates increase from \$75 to \$100 and from \$125 to \$175. Redstone employees who rent the lodge can use it beginning at 8 a.m. Keys must be turned in



Photo from Valerie Carey

**PEACEFUL RETREAT—** The Rustic Lodge, overlooking the Tennessee River, can be used for a variety of social events.

by 8 a.m. the following day. However, December hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.

The council invites everyone to stop by and meet the participants, enjoy refresh-

ments, and visit with friends and co-workers, amidst the old-fashioned Christmas charm of the Rustic Lodge.

For more information about the lodge, call Valerie Carey 955-6739.

Experiencing the season...

# Team Redstone celebrates season with gala event December 11



Photo by Jim Bowne

**PREPARATIONS—** Members of the decorating committee of the Team Redstone Holiday Party Working Group make the centerpieces that will adorn the tables.

Tickets are now on sale for "Our Party." The entire Redstone community is invited to Team Redstone's Holiday Party '98 on Dec. 11 at the Redstone Arsenal Club.

Hosting this year's gala event are the Personnel and Training Directorate and the Intelligence and Security Directorate.

Make your plans now to join in the fun and experience the uniqueness of the holiday season. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7, and a band from 8 until midnight for your dancing pleasure.

Besides plenty of friends and fun, there will be lots of food. The dinner entree is filet mignon and breast of chicken. The menu also includes tossed salad, new potatoes, green beans almondine, crabapple ring, rolls and butter, and coffee and tea. For

dessert there will be strawberry and cherry trifles.

Group seating is available, so why not reserve a table (or as many as required) for you and your friends? Tickets are \$21 per person. The price includes both the meal and the gratuity. Also for your convenience, you may charge your ticket reservations against a major credit card or Redstone Arsenal Club account.

Tickets may be purchased from your organization's representative. Or, for information and reservations, call Olene McGowen 842-9038, Mae Hargrove 842-9588 or Gaila Kelso 876-9857.

Dress for civilians is coat and tie; for military, dress is optional— either dress blues or mess.

(Editor's note: This article was submitted by the Publicity Committee, Holiday Party Working Group.)

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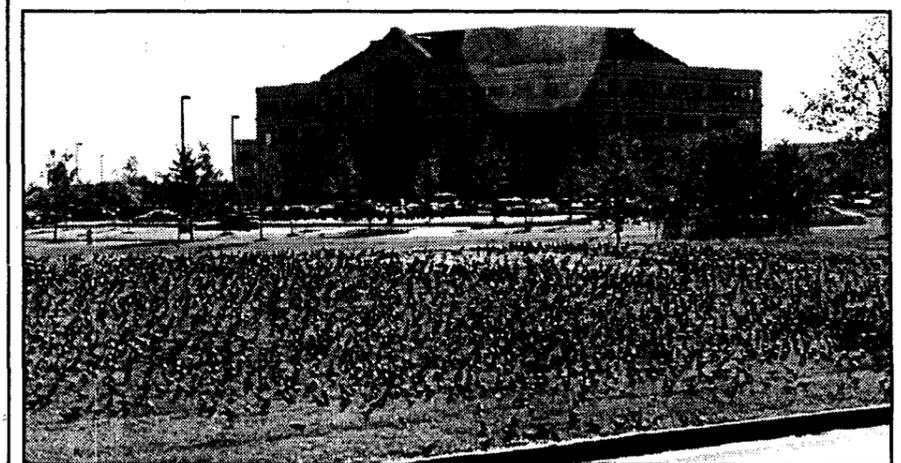


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# Power Night set at Post Theater

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The Master's Commission from Calvary Assembly of God church in Decatur will perform feats of strength on "Power Night." This program includes videos, power feats, devotionals, testimonies and illustrated songs.

"The Master's Commission program is a nine-month nationwide discipleship training program dedicated to the call of, 'Go into all the world and make disciples...' (Matthew 28:19)," a prepared release said. "The program is dedicated to the development of students in spiritual growth and outreach. The Master's

Commission uses a number of ministries and programs to assist in student development, such as: inner-city outreach, youth ministries, children's ministries, evangelism, drama and music." The OMMCS Unit Ministry Team invites you to attend this powerful program. For more information, call 842-0799.

# Pledge to recycle could win a home

How would you like to win a \$200,000 home just for pledging to recycle your aluminum cans and used motor oil? It could happen. Last year, a soldier at Fort Hood, Texas, won a \$200,000 "American Green Dream House" by simply pledging to recycle.

This year, Redstone is joining the national and statewide campaigns to increase public awareness of recycling and of recycled-content products. The campaign is called "America and Alabama Recycles Day," and is set for Nov. 15.

The Redstone Environmental Office has placed pledge entry forms and col-

lection boxes at the Commissary and Post Exchange. They will be available through Nov. 20.

All entries at Redstone are first sent to Montgomery for the statewide drawing Nov. 20, and then to Washington for the national drawing Dec. 15. State prizes include \$3,000 cash and a \$500 shopping spree at both Wal-Mart and Home Depot. Children's prizes include a \$1,000 Savings Bond, a mountain bike, and season passes to VisionLand. The national children's prize is a four-day family trip to Disney World, including airfare.

For more information

call John Souza, Redstone environmental office, at 313-2089.

(Editor's note: This article is from the City of Huntsville's Solid Waste Authority.)

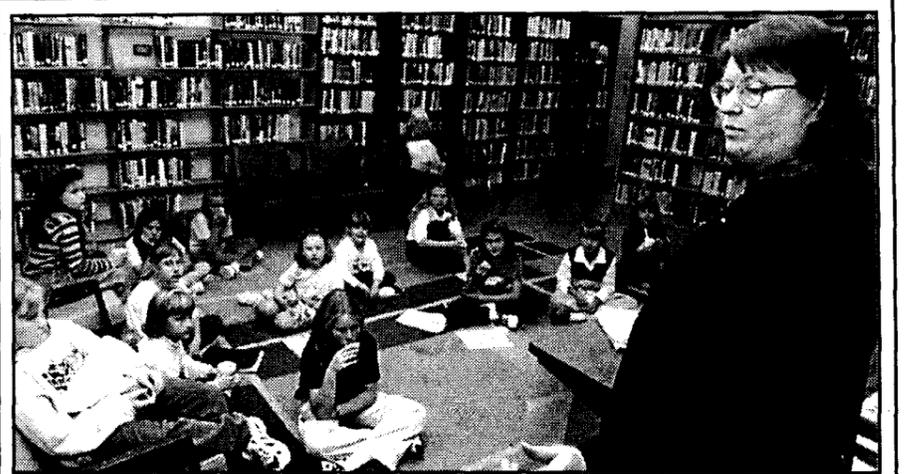


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## History lesson...

Dr. Kaylene Hughes of the AMCOM Historical Office talks to the American Girls Club of Hartselle on Oct. 22 at Hart-

selle's Public Library. Her topic was "Women of the 1940s." Hughes participates in the AMCOM Speakers Bureau.



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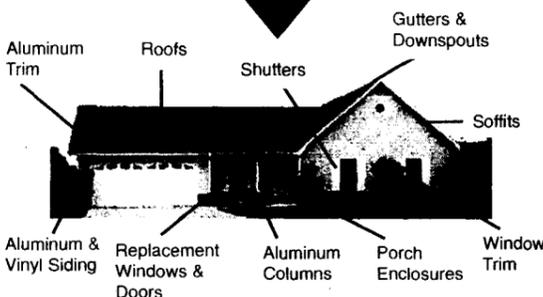
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### Completed marathon...

## Redstone man runs New York City streets for fun

By John Allen

"You don't know what sore is until you've run in the New York City Marathon," Bill Redmond, of the Apache PMO group in building 5681, said. "I was still in New York last Monday during our weekly staff meeting when Col. (Howard) Bramblett good naturedly asked the staff if my absence meant I was dead."

Redmond finished the New York Marathon, held Nov. 1, in 4:49:07. The average finishing time was about four hours. Of the 31,333 participants, he finished 22,652. Millions of people watched the marathon live on television, while 2 million more watched from the streets of New York City as the run-

ners made their way through all five boroughs of the city. The annual event started at Verazano-Narrows Bridge, and ended in Central Park.

So, what's a nice 52-year-old guy like Redmond doing in the New York Marathon? "I started running about eight years ago just for the exercise when they opened a new fitness center near where I worked in St. Louis. I had run in several 10K races, but after a while they just weren't fun anymore," he said. "New York was my first-ever marathon. A friend of mine, Charles Campbell, of Washington, D.C., suggested we enter together, and we did; we also finished the race together."

In describing the race, Redmond said the crowd of

runners was so thick at the start, it took him 29 minutes just to cross the Verazano-Narrows Bridge. "I had my name, 'Bill,' on my T-shirt in big letters so that people along the streets could call out my name and encourage me on. There were official stations along the route that offered Gatorade and water, but many spectators, including children, offered us bananas, power bars and tubes of vanilla-flavored power gel. About 10 miles into the race, I began to feel some pain in my lower back, so I took some aspirin, which helped."

Redmond said he felt a sense of accomplishment upon finishing the race. "I still had two or three more steps left in me before falling over dead," he said laughing. For all his efforts,

Redmond received a Marathon medal.

"You cannot just go to the race and participate," he said. "You must fill out an application and then be accepted." Marathon literature states that only 30,000 entrants would be accepted — 17,000 on a first-come basis; 3,000 were selected by lottery, and 10,000 international runners were accepted. Approximately one-third to one-half of the entrants are first-time runners in the marathon.

Once accepted as an entrant the New York Road Runners' Club, organizer of the marathon, provides a packet of material that includes information on how to train for the race. Using this guide, Redmond said that during a four to five month period he gradually increased his three-times-per-week lunchtime runs, totaling 12 to 15 miles, up to 40 miles per week. Asked how his



Photo by John Allen

**SORE BUT HAPPY—** Redmond shows off the medal he earned Nov. 1 by running the New York City Marathon—along with 31,333 other runners.

wife Andrea felt about his pursuit, Redmond said she thought it was great.

All runners are encouraged to help raise funds for cancer research by getting friends and co-workers to sponsor them, donating \$1 or more per mile as they run the race. The money goes to the Memorial Sloan-Ket-

tering Cancer Center. Redmond said the women in the front office at AHH PMO organized this effort on his behalf and raised nearly \$1,000 from co-workers.

Asked where he was sore the most, he said, "I'm sore all over my body. In fact, I'm taking the whole week off from running to recover."

## Tree planting in housing area set

Housing residents and other volunteers interested in improving the neighborhood environment in one of the recently constructed housing areas on Redstone Arsenal plan to carry out a special Tree Planting event in Housing Area 1 on Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

The RASA commander and the Directorate of Public Works have worked closely with the interested parties to assist in developing an acceptable tree planting plan and providing much of the planting materials. Should weather conditions such as rain or freezing temperatures cause cancellation, the rescheduled event would be held Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.

Housing Area 1—located across Goss Road from the AAFES Shoppette along Vincent Road, Magnolia and Walnut Circles—was built in 1995 with minimal tree planting due to budget constraints and the maze of underground utilities that exist in the area. Recent interest on the part of residents living in the quarters and others like the Boy and Cub Scouts from the Arsenal, coaches from the post Youth Soccer Program, military personnel, NAF Sports personnel, and other individuals from Redstone Arsenal has inspired the development and now plans to plant more trees to provide needed shade, beauty and eventually an economic energy

savings to the installation.

Participants realize that their efforts will not provide an immediate benefit but have a vision for the future. About 55 trees, ranging from 6-8 feet tall—identified as Sugar maple, Red maple, Scarlet oak, Bradford pear, Tulip poplar, Dogwood, Loblolly pine, Eastern red cedar and Crepe myrtle—will be provided along with limited numbers of planting tools and associated planting materials (i.e. fertilizer, mulch, etc.) by the Self Help Store at strategic locations within Housing Area 1 on the planned kickoff date.

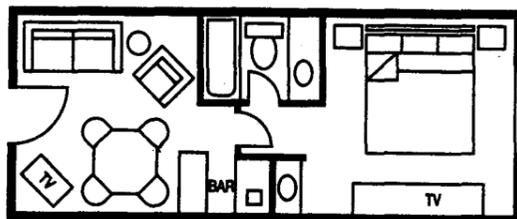
Initial instructions will be provided to ensure proper type tree, location and planting techniques are implemented. Additionally, written planting instructions and guidance from an individual knowledgeable in tree planting and care will be available at each strategic location.

The Installation Management Office within the Directorate of Public Works continues to seek and support opportunities to effectively manage tree resources on the installation. This particular project supported by the post's Arbor Day celebration and other tree maintenance activities will qualify this installation in its recent application for Tree City USA. (Directorate of Public Works release)

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# Ex-football player scoring touchdowns as youth coach

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

What happens when you cross an Army non-commissioned officer, who took up coaching football late in life, with a talented group of 9 and 10 years old football players?

This year the result is an undefeated Buckhorn Junior Giants team which started its football season less than six weeks ago. The team won last Saturday's county championship game. SFC Carl Cooper, an administrative NCO for PEO Tactical Missiles, is the defensive coach for this team.

"The most important aspect of coaching is how I affect the consciousness and stature of others," Cooper said. "In this respect, coaching and counseling have the same meaning to me. If you're concerned about the self-image of others, there's not a whole lot of difference."

Cooper was born in Trinidad and raised in New York City. Right before a tryout for the New York Jets, he injured his knee and spent six months on crutches. Unfortunately that

ended his football playing career, but not his love of the sport.

"To me, it would have been nice to be an athlete all of my life," said Cooper, who competed in numerous sports in high school and college. "But some people can't always do that, and the next best thing is coaching."

Two years ago, his son, Brandon, tried out for the junior, 9 and 10 years old, community football team. Cooper went up to the school and offered his help. They already had one coach. However, with 22 boys on the team, the coach felt he could use some assistance. He took over the offense and gave Cooper the defensive coordinator responsibilities.

Cooper says he plays all the players an average of 14 plays in a game. "I don't worry about getting shutouts or anything," he said. "If we are winning big and the other team scores in the last few minutes, then maybe the other team will think they could have caught up to us but just ran out of time."

The team practiced five

nights a week until the season started and then went to two nights a week from 6 to 8 p.m. The games were held every Saturday afternoon for the junior league at 1 p.m. After their game ended, Cooper volunteered with the next age group helping to count players and plays, which left him at the field until 7 p.m.

"The bottom line is, people like to use their abilities, and as a coach, I believe in letting the kids play," he said. "Practice is for coaching, but the game is for the kids."

When football season is over, Cooper is still busy with the sport. He was elected to two boards: the regional board and the executive league committee, which plans activities year-round.

The league is self-supporting. They raised money through raffles, selling candy and T-shirts in concession and souvenir stands at all the games. Every team had a couple of home games so they could make money to buy their football equipment.

"I try to instill something in these kids so they won't take the wrong road,"

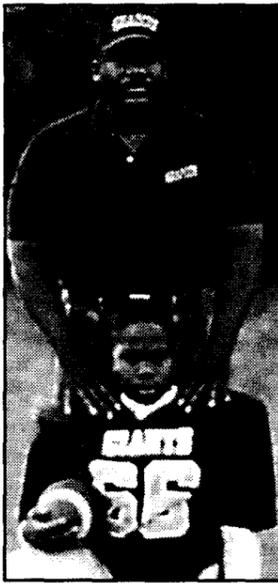


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**MENTOR**— Cooper and his son have their own football practice. He coached the Buckhorn Junior Giants, a team of 9 and 10-year-olds.

Cooper said. "Kids are still looking for commitment and structure. Whenever we talk about success, we talk about teamwork. That's one of the things I've always tried to tell the kids and they have always bought into the program. They've done that— and more."

# Crimson Tide should roll over Bulldogs of MSU

By Skip Vaughn

My college football predictions went 166-50 over 10 weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

- Alabama at Mississippi State— Bama
- Arkansas at Tennessee— Tenn.
- Georgia at Auburn— Georgia
- South Carolina at Florida— Fla.
- Vanderbilt at Kentucky— Ky.
- Alcorn State at Ala. A&M— A&M
- West Ala. at North Ala.— UNA
- Jacksonville at SW Texas St.— Jax
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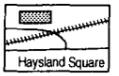
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will know what kind of cake it is regardless of the name. So living by the word was important and not just saying the word. When the people began to hear expressions like streamlining, downsizing, shaftsizing, privatizing, outsourcing, backsizing, upsizing, insizing, outsizing, close enough for government work, and other catchy "cliches," they soon lost focus of their principles and the meaning of words. During this time, members were "Empowered." This society allowed empowerment to mean "Total Freedom" and this in the end allowed their society to lose the will to follow the "Rule Of Law." They also discarded the natural reproduction process. There was no need to since the men of science had perfected cell division thus the "Amoeba Road" was before them. All citizens voted to allow an injection that changed physical substance behavior. Some of those remaining considered to be of sound mind in this civilization knew that their society was collapsing within and wondered how an intelligent people as they were could have failed even though they had a magnificent Lessons Learned program. These few exceptional visionaries wanted to leave a message of "BEWARE" that would be transmitted as a ceaseless message throughout the universe. That message was the one that the research ship had recorded. It was time to return home.

The ship's commander ordered the navigator to execute the Return-to-Home leg of the flight. The mission planning Green-Box had been programmed to record the exact route that the ship had traveled from Earth's launch station; therefore, the ship could simply follow that route back home to Earth. The crew was both sad and happy about their mission. They were sad that visual or physical contact with other life had not been made but they were overjoyed with the recorded message they had discovered. The whole crew was looking forward to arriving on Earth.

The ship's navigation sensors were projecting that Earth should be near and alerted the crew to prepare for reentry to orbit and final approach. The crew prepared for landing and the mood was more joyful than the one experienced at launch. The communications officer appeared to be concerned and called to the ship's commander for an immediate conference. The ship's energy sensor was receiving some sort of signal that was growing stronger. The communications officer was troubled because his screen display was telling him that the signal was a "one-millionth of a second long message" and it was a duplicate of the signal they had discovered on their journey. The crew then realized that they had discovered the location of the signal that they thought was "Other Life in the Universe" and they were sad that Earth was not as they had left it. Their historian also stated that it was widely known that the ship's mission planner did not accept Einstein's theory concerning the result of traveling at the speed of light.

The closing entry in the ship's Logbook states: "We, the crew, will not falter under the mighty task we face of replenishing the Earth with a new society. One important note, all the crew have agreed to rename the program 'Lessons Learned' to 'Prophecy.'"

The true lesson learned from this story is that our word should be "Our Bond" and being a professional should always be our goal.

Allen Miller  
IMMC

# DEPOSIT

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pay and travel pay are to be done electronically after Jan. 1, with no exceptions, according to officials here. After that date those who do not have their wages set up for EFT will have their funds held in suspense until they sign up— unless they qualify for emergency check issue. "They will not mail checks out," confirmed Debbie Boyer, a financial systems specialist in the systems management division.

Resource management officials cite the advantages of electronic funds transfer: It's quicker, saves the government money, and avoids the possibility of lost or stolen checks.

"It takes a maximum of four days to get a new (direct) deposit, but if your hard-copy check is lost, we're looking 6-8 weeks," Jacobs said.

And that's the minimum for paycheck recovery, according to Gary Paseur, an accountant in the financial management division. "It can take up to a year for it to be reissued," he said.

In order to sign up for EFT, workers should fill out

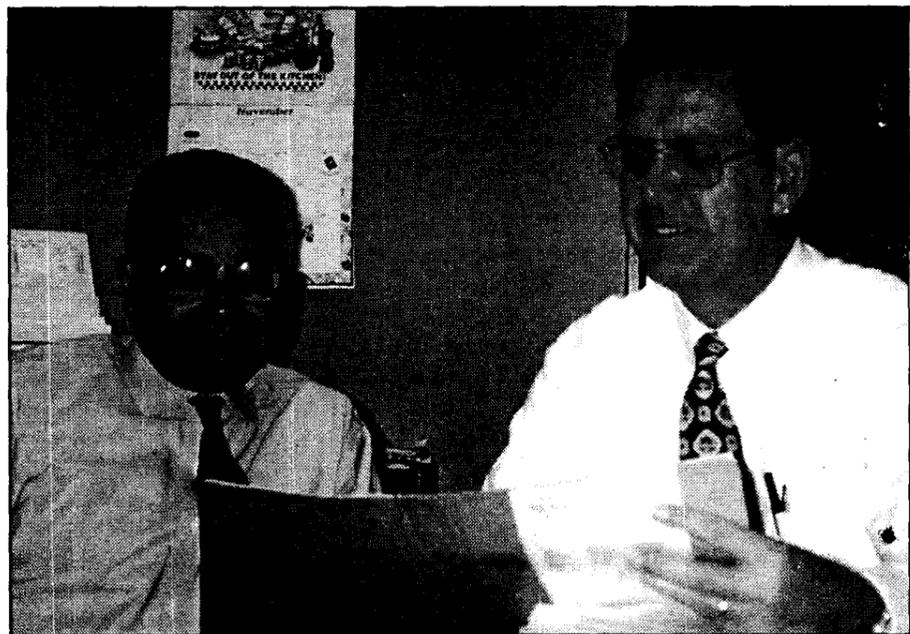


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**CHECKING POLICY—** Jacobs, left, and Gloyd verify the Defense Department's policy on electronic funds transfer.

a Direct Deposit Form (FMS 2231) or SF 1199A. They can take their completed form to the customer service representative in building 5300, third floor, workstation 53A011 or fax to 842-0720 or 876-1251.

Travel payments will become completely electronic so workers must be signed up for EFT before traveling after Jan. 1. Newcomers who signed up for direct deposit at their former workplace in St. Louis

still have to sign up for EFT through the Reengineered Automated Travel System (RATS). Fax the completed form to 955-8034 and to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service at DSN 490-3225.

Workers themselves benefit from electronic funds transfer, according to Vanessa Williams, a financial systems specialist in the systems management division.

"You don't have to go to

the bank and cash a check, it's already there," she said. "It's always there the same day, even if it's a holiday."

Electronic funds transfer saves taxpayers' money because it costs less than mailing paper checks, according to Col. Joe Young, director of resource management. "The bottom line for electronic funds transfer is to save the federal government money while providing a better product to the federal employee," he said.

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Force recruiter forwarded his paperwork to the armed forces induction center and he was soon on a bus. Things were not so rosy at the induction center. The new recruits had little to eat and were just plain bored from standing around. Each having quotas to fill, it was common for recruiters to "steal" recruits from each other. Suddenly, a recruiter in a nice uniform approached Wilson and some of his new acquaintances and informed them that he could get them out of the place and have them to Parris Island in a few hours. At the prompting of his friends, Wilson got on the bus for Parris Island, totally unaware of what lay ahead for him and his companions.

## Parris Island

On the outskirts of the base, the bus stopped. The recruits knew that they had made a mistake when they received a "motivation" speech and were ordered to be still enough to count the hairs on the neck in front of them. Soon, they entered the compound, departed the bus, and were ordered to stand on the yellow footsteps painted on the paved surface. They were told what a sorry bunch they were and that they

would never make it through the training. Wilson remembers, as a young, green, farm boy, seeing troops march past them as they stood there, with the only sound being boots hitting the pavement from passing troops—no cadence.

At Parris Island, Wilson and his fellow recruits were trained to do exactly what they would soon be required to do—kill. The training was tough, probably the toughest in the world. The Marines break recruits down, then build them back up. There was much camaraderie between recruits from all walks of life. Some had never held a weapon before but were turned into weapons experts who could tear down and reassemble their weapons blindfolded. That part came easy for Wilson, given his time hunting and shooting on his grandfather's farm as a boy.

After boot camp, the group was sent to Fort Benning, Ga., for airborne training with the 5th Rangers. As they fell from the training tower, NCOs were screaming over the PA system "Open your eyes! Open your eyes!" The day before they were to take their first jump from a plane, they were very nervous. That night, they slept very little; instead, they

smoked cigarettes most of the night and dreaded the jump. Early the next morning, storms awoke them. There was cheering and praying for more bad weather in hopes that it would delay their jump. It worked. Later in the day, an officer entered and canceled the jump. This, however, would not/could not delay this group's departure, not even for one day, for they, unknowingly, were trained from day one for "a mission" that was already scheduled. As a result of missing the jump, they were informed that they were authorized to wear only the half-moon patch on their uniforms and not jump wings.

The Marine Corps was in the process of forming the 1st Marine Division, of which these new Marines would become a part. After departing Fort Benning, the group flew to San Francisco, where they were outfitted. Wilson and his fellow Marines were changed people. He had been converted from a green, peace loving, country boy to a "Gung Ho," trained warrior. They were a proud outfit and became part of the 1st Marine Provisional Expeditionary Force, which consisted mainly of WWII "retreads" (most were NCOs). With his boyhood

weapons experience, Wilson was an expert marksman and was promoted to PFC out of boot camp.

Also during this time, Gen. MacArthur was in the process of organizing a landing at Inchon harbor in Korea, in which this group of Marines was destined to participate. The harbor tide was monitored very closely for a period of time, because low tide was miles from the harbor's shore, and ships would be stuck in the mire if the timing of the landing was not right. In San Francisco, Army and Marine Corps "press gangs" were tricking servicemen on the streets from all the services into volunteering for the invasion force by making all kinds of promises and deceptive statements. The "volunteers" were, for the most part, privates and PFCs and were said to have been "shanghied."

The group soon boarded the transport ship USS David C. Shanks in San Francisco

and was bound for Tokyo Bay, where they met up with other amphibious forces and were given the details of the mission they had been sent for—the amphibious landing at Inchon. For security reasons, the group had been told that they were going for an 18-month tour in Japan. However, some troops received letters from worried parents who probably sensed that something was awry. Only after an officer spoke to them and told them to give nothing more than their name, rank, and serial number if captured did the seriousness of this operation become impressed upon their minds.

It was September 1950. The 5th and 7th Marines, as well as the 8th Army, were already fighting in Korea. The amphibious landing force consisted primarily of thousands of Marine and Army troops; and when the big day came, the force landed, as scheduled, in LCVPs (Launch Craft Vehicles, Per-

sonnel). To their surprise, they met no resistance, and American forces already in country had placed ladders on the bluffs in anticipation of their arrival. When they reached the top, they gave loud growls and were enjoying themselves, elated that they had accomplished the landing with no casualties. Suddenly, a Marine in front caught a bullet in the throat. They had been trained to keep the chin straps on their helmets loose, but his was strapped tight, thus trapping the bullet and causing severe damage. Everyone was stunned. The revelry ceased. They were pushed from behind by the officers and NCOs to a point about 100 yards from where the opposing forces awaited in a tree line.

## Sporadic firing

It was extremely hot, and there was still a lot of foliage. As Wilson held the fellow Marine who had been shot in the throat, he could only hear

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"Move, move, move, move" from the officers and NCOs. Unlike the "retreads," this group of 18-year-olds was stunned at seeing their first death. The terror, absolute fear, and realization that they could actually die right there set in. Said Wilson, "The first time a person hears a bullet go by, he fears, wets his pants, calls for Mama." The leaders kept pushing. They were trained to stay up, because if hit standing, the wounds are not as severe. However, these young men were in shock, and when his fellow troops got up, Wilson did not want to stay by himself so he followed. The group then charged. There was sporadic firing. Then the firing ceased. There was no concentrated effort by the enemy to stop them, perhaps only a couple of squads of North Korean People's Army troops.

They could hear all the noises from skirmishes on other beaches, and the smell of gun powder permeated the air as they moved inland to board Army trucks bound for the main line of resistance (MLR).

"We are on the MLR, dug in, weapons loaded, pointed down range. Everything is so quiet. You can hear your heart beat and your breathing; so quiet, so dark you can't see the man next to you. It's very late, so you get sleepy. Your NCOs are coming by poking you and saying 'Watch your front!' You are dying for a smoke, but can't. You begin to think that this is stupid. 'Let's all leave and get some food and sleep.' All at once, we hear a bugle! Of all the stupid things to hear at this time, somebody blowing a stupid bugle! Then a cheer, a wild cheer like at a ball game. Then, the whole world lights up, a bright light so clear you could read a book by it. Flares! Flares hanging in the sky. You feel exposed, naked. Mortar rounds landing, steel flying by your head. You are helpless; you wet your pants. You have forgotten this small weapon

in your hand. You can't even remember how to use it. The noise! After the first rounds hit, you are deaf. You find that you have been holding your breath. You are completely frozen, immobile! Then, a miracle. The NCOs are shouting 'Remember the training! Think! Fire your weapons!' The next thing you know, your hands are automatically acting as a result of the finest training in the world. You are a Marine—the best fighting force in this world or any other! You load, aim, fire. After all, you are an expert marksman. They have given you a medal that says so. These forms in your sight; they are not humans. Just moving targets. You are a machine— load, aim, fire! Repeat! Repeat!

### Ears ringing

"You don't know how long this has been going on. There is no sense of time. Just the action, noise, the smell. Your ears are ringing. You can't stop! Aim, fire, fire. Then someone is hitting you on your helmet. 'Cease fire! Cease fire, I said. Are you deaf? It's over! Move forward. Move! Move!' It's your lieutenant. You pick up your weapon and walk down hill. Then, you see! You wish you were struck blind. My God! My God! Is this what we have done? Bodies, dead people stacked up like cord wood. Blood, rivers of blood. Pieces of people everywhere! You didn't realize. You look at this horror and fall down and throw up. You feel numb. You're afraid you will heave your insides up. You are sure you are going to die. You are sick— so sick! After what seems like an hour, you raise up and look around. There are your buddies, your sergeant, even the lieutenant, down on their hands and knees heaving their guts out. So, you are not alone, and you thought you were the only one affected this way. So, this is your first taste of combat. You feel sick, ashamed, so ashamed. How can you look your mother in the face again?"

After a short time on the

MLR, Wilson was promoted to corporal as an assistant platoon leader in a Reserve Company, and things got a little boring. His platoon leader, Sgt. Kerr, was on his third or so hitch in the country. Reports were coming in that some of the captured enemy troops spoke Chinese instead of Korean and were dressed differently. U.S. wounded in action numbers suddenly began to rise, and Marines were found mutilated and bound. Wilson and his platoon knew something was up. As they captured prisoners for interrogation, they determined that the North Koreans were doing the mutilations. The Marines swore that they would not take any prisoners from then on, and did not. "We were called 'crazies,'" Wilson said. "Killing became easy. The company commander would not fool with us. We were called 'a bunch of idiots' and wanted to go on patrols." After a while, the G3 wondered why no prisoners were being taken.

### Promoted

The platoon was eventually loaded onto trucks for a long ride to a camp area. They never knew where they were, but sometimes found out through letters from their parents back home or read about it in the Stars and Stripes. Suddenly, a jeep pulled up carrying Col. Puller, the division commander. The colonel summoned Wilson to the jeep, and Wilson was scared. What had he done? Had he made a mistake? Warily, he made his way to the jeep where the colonel promoted him to sergeant and made him a platoon leader. Wilson was relieved, but received a lot of kidding from the other troops due to his quick rise in rank in the Corps. He was accused of having a "rabbi," someone taking care of him.

While at the camp, the group received replacements for those they had lost to injuries or death. Some were older than Wilson and green (had not seen combat before), but Wilson was a seasoned 19-year-old combat veteran who had seen more

than he ever wished to see.

On June 6, 1951, Wilson was given a field citation bearing the seal of the president of the United States. Indicative of the haste and conditions under which it was prepared, it contains several misspelled words and typographical errors, but the message is clear enough. It reads as follows:

To Sgt. William J. Wilson, 1st Division, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, A Company:

From Col. Chester Puller, C.O., 1st Marine Division, Prov. Bag Subject... Citation, Pohan, Korea, June 6, 1958:

Sgt. Wilson, in command of a squad of Marines on June 6, 1951 participating in an assault upon a N.K.P.A. North Korean People Army position was grievously wounded in the legs while under withering small arms fire. Sgt. Wilson refused evacuation and established himself in a position from which he could bring B.A.R. fire to bear upon the enemy, without regard for his own life. Sgt. Wilson maintained his fire upon the enemy position until his squad did break off the attack and withdraw to a safe position. Despite his wounds and pain, Sgt. Wilson called in artillery fire upon his position.

Sgt. Wilson's valor and dedication to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and Naval Service, awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart on this date. Entered the Service from Dothan, Ala. Signed

Chester M. Puller, Col.

Later on, Lt. Gen. Walker, in charge of 8th Army, and Lt. Gen. O.P. Smith, in charge of the Marine forces in Korea, held a staff meeting. Lt. Gen. Walker complained of a lack of information on Chinese involvement in the area. Gen. MacArthur kept saying that the Chinese would not get involved. Then, near Christmas 1951, several divisions of Chinese troops came in and, according to Wilson, "kicked ass." The North Koreans lacked good military tactics and were not good shots with their rifles or their artillery but they were very disciplined. The Chinese, however, were "crack" shots with both rifles and artillery. They were so accurate with their mortar rounds that they could fire and hit their targets and be gone before the Marines could get to their firing positions. Therefore, the numbers of allied killed in action and missing in action were rising.

### Harassment

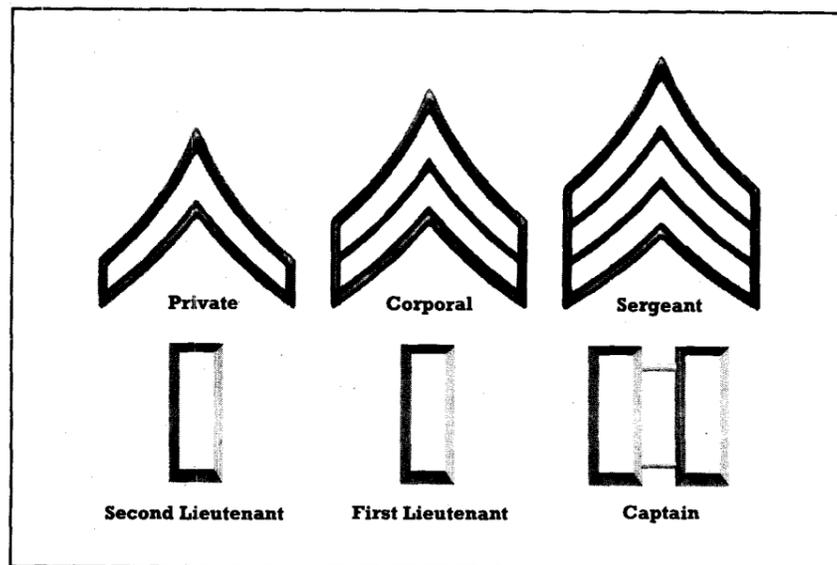
Soon, the group became trapped at Chosin reservoir. They fought their way out and encountered Chinese snipers and roadblocks. The Chinese made them feel that they could take them at any time, if they so desired. They would shoot Marines in the knees for harassment, knowing that Col. Puller, Wilson's division commander, would not leave a wounded Marine lying and that he would send others to assist the wounded. The Chinese would then open

fire on them all.

"Believe me, there are people who will not think twice about hurting you or your little children. A godless horde who don't believe the Bible or in punishment for their actions. We saw beautiful children, about the age of my grandchildren now, brutally murdered just because they were in the way, or abandoned along the road because their parents couldn't feed or carry them anymore. Some of the Koreans would leave their wounded on the side of the road when they saw the Red Cross, because they knew that, if found, they would be cared for.

"Once, we passed an old Papason (man) with two children, a male child about 2 years old and a female about 5 years old, that had been caught in a cross fire. Their parents had been killed. The female was dead. The boy was alive, but disemboweled and gasping for breath. Our medics tried to help the boy with the gaping wound in his chest, but to no avail. The look of complete despair, horror, grief, pleading, on the face of this old grandfather will be on our minds as long as we live. The old man gestured toward the children as if to say 'Do you see what you have caused?' Their deaths served no purpose, but, unfortunately, that is one of the results of war."

At this point, our interview was interrupted as Wilson was overcome with emotion. (Next week: Part II)



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are an Army team. One that is well prepared and healthy that contributes greatly to the superior service and support in making our nation great."

In the spirit of Military Family Week, Ralph Blanchard, Armed Services YMCA, composed a prayer that says, in part: "... For all the demands, may we be prepared, each family member for each chore ahead.

"And, when the unit leaves our base, may a strong, healthy family remain in its place.

"Good leaders remind us, strength springs from within, let me recall that, as parent and friend, when weaving life's fabric from everyday threads.

"And as the flag's lowered at the close of each day, may I know that I've given my best to the game.

"May I know that my family and country are stronger for the skills that I've practiced and the grace that I've shown.

"For service to country starts not at the gate, it starts from the strength that is found in the home."

Amen.

# CHAPEL

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Today, the chapel is occupied by CIC. Part of the chapel is a warehouse for the supply and reutilization or school donation program. Fourteen personnel use the other areas in the chapel for administrative duties.

"The Bicentennial Chapel holds Catholic and Protestant religious services with an attendance between 500 to 600 each Sunday," post Chaplain (Col.) Paul Vicalvi said. "The Catholic service is led by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Travaglione at 9:30 a.m., and I lead the Protestant service at 11 a.m."

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# Announcements

## Sports & Recreation

### Sports survey

For many years Civilian Welfare Fund Council has offered off-duty sports leagues for the Redstone civilian work force. For the past two years, CWFC has had no money to support these programs. We now have the opportunity to offer these programs again. Please visit the CWFC web site @<http://intranet.redstone.army.mil/cwfc> to view the programs being offered, and take part in the survey. If you do not have access to a computer, please see your organization's CWFC representative or call Valerie Carey 955-6739 for a survey form.

### UAB football

All military personnel are to be admitted free to the UAB vs. MTSU football game 1 p.m. Saturday at Legion Field in Birmingham. On "Salute to Armed Forces Day," present your military ID card at the Legion Field ticket office for free admission. Pregame festivities, including ROTC drill teams, begin at 11 a.m. on the west side of Legion Field. For more information, call 934-5366.

## 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.

### Blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood schedule for this month: Nov. 13, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at building 4488, Fran King Wilburn

842-7533. Nov. 20, from 7-noon, at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1580 or Bill Chaffin 895-1581; SMDC, bus, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-5901; and NASA building 4752 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Edwina Bressette 544-8115. Nov. 25, from 7-noon, building 7613, conference room 106, Cathy Brown 313-6885; from 8-noon, building 6260, Kathey Brooks 876-0351; from 7-noon, building 5681, Susan Zimmerly 313-4165; and from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. at building 3411, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, B Company, 1st Sgt. Berger 842-0608 or Capt. Curtis 842-0601.

### Flu shots

Fox Army Health Center will have a flu shot make-up day for DoD civilians on Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at the Sparkman Center, building 5300, room 5140-5141 (first floor). Wear short sleeves or loose clothing and be prepared to wait 15 minutes after your shot before leaving. For more information call 876-8831.

### Cholesterol checks

Attention military beneficiaries: Too much cholesterol can cause serious health problems. The risk in blood cholesterol is that it is a direct cause of the number one killer in America: coronary heart disease. A simple blood test shows what your cholesterol level is and whether you are at increased risk for heart disease. Fox Army Health Center will provide free total cholesterol screenings to military beneficiaries on Nov. 24 from 8-11 a.m. and noon-2 p.m. For this total cholesterol screening, you do not have to fast. The screening will be held at the Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center. For more information, call the PHEC at 842-0196.

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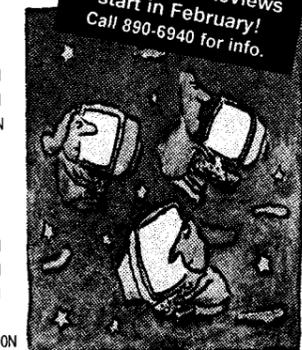
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### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is George Beckett, corporate membership chairman, ASMC national headquarters. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Janet Sierra 955-3890.

### Thanksgiving lunch

The Directorate of Public Works will have its 45th annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon Nov. 24 at building 5663, the old post gym. Tickets are \$5. For more information or tickets, call 876-2808/1893/1692.

### AER scholarships

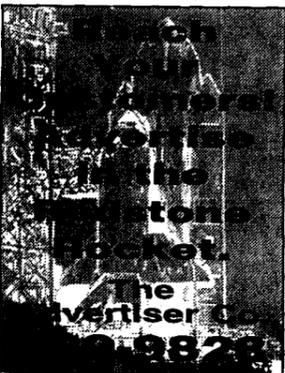
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### PX news

The Post Exchange (PX) Human Resources Office is seeking store associates, food service workers, and laborers who are committed to providing outstanding customer service. Benefits may include Earn While You Learn, Shift Differential, Uniforms Furnished, Pay Increase Yearly, Paid Annual and Sick Leave, and Insurance available. Applications are accepted every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at building 3479. Applications may be obtained at the Main Store or from the Human Resources Office. For more information, call 650-5799.

### Commissary hours

The Commissary will have the following holiday operating hours through Dec. 31: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 14; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 15; closed Nov. 16; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 17-20; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 21; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 22; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 23-25; closed Nov. 26-27; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 28; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 29; closed Nov. 30; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 1-4; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 5; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 6; closed Dec. 7; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 8-11; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 12; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 13; closed Dec. 14; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 15-18; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 19; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 20; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 21-23; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24; closed Dec. 25-26; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 27; closed Dec. 28; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 29-31.

### Orienteering event

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have an Orienteering competition Nov. 20. The all-day event is a soldiering competition on a designated Land Navigation Course. All military units are eligible to compete and should contact SFC McGuire at 842-2234 for more information. Deadline is Nov. 16. There is no entry fee. Only teams can compete. A unit must submit a minimum of four three-soldier teams. Prizes will be awarded.

### Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will hold its fifth annual Training Conference, "Maximizing Performance Through Excellence in Training" on Dec. 3 at the Marriott Hotel. Registration fee is \$125. For more information, call 551-7230.

### Communication group

International Training in Communication, formerly Toastmistress, will meet from 4:30-6 p.m. Nov. 19 at building 5681 (PEO Aviation), conference room 125. For more information, call Janice Isbell 313-4216 or Carol Howard 876-9490.

### Artillery members

Attention all members of the Redstone Arsenal Field Artillery community (to include contractors): The

Northern Alabama Field Artillery Association is now accepting nominations for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, and Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher. All nominations must be submitted to Capt. Jeff Shapiro ([shapiro-jm@msl.redstone.army.mil](mailto:shapiro-jm@msl.redstone.army.mil)) via email by Dec. 7. The tentative date for award is Jan. 23 at the St. Barbara's Day Ball. Nominations do not have a specific format, but must contain sufficient details about the candidate to enable the Award Authority to make an informed decision. For ease of reading, please use the informal or formal memorandum. The invitations for this event will be mailed out at a later date. If you are new to the area, and are a member of the Military Society of Saint Barbara, or an Artilleryman in the rank of sergeant first class or higher, call Shapiro 876-6143 to ensure that you are extended an invitation.

### Surplus sale

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) will hold a sealed bid sale of government surplus property Nov. 16 at building 7405 on Warehouse Road. Fax, deliver or mail bids by 8 that morning; verbal bids won't be accepted. Catalogs are available by polling the fax number 876-9634. Inspect property or submit bids from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12-13 at building 7415 on Red Oak Road. For more information, call Donna Davis 842-2570 or Elizabeth Couch 842-9474.

### Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold a luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Scheduled speaker is Robert Ludwig, chairman elect, Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

### PX gift certificates

AAFES has changed its policy on gift certificates and returned to its original concept of a "merchandise" gift certificate. The new policy will allow customers to use the gift certificates for the purchase of goods, not to get cash back. The previous policy allowed customers to purchase items and then get the difference between the amount of the gift certificate.

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cate and the amount of the item, in cash. For example, if a customer had a \$20 gift certificate and the item they purchased cost \$17, they would receive \$3 cash back. However, the new policy will allow customers to receive a maximum of 99 cents back, regardless of the amount of the gift certificate that wasn't used. AAFES has also removed the six-month expiration period to allow customers more time to plan their purchases and fully utilize the certificates.

### Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Nov. 21 at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The chapter's insurance counselor, Pete Maiker, will give the chapter an update on the changes in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) as well as Medicare changes. "We urge you to attend and be informed of the latest changes, as the FEHBP Open Season will run from Nov. 9 through Dec. 14," a prepared release said. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., program at 10. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

### Education committee

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

### Holiday party

Tickets are now on sale for the Team Redstone Holiday Party. "Our Party" will be held Dec. 11 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Reserve a table, or tables, for you and your

friends, have a great dinner, and dance to the music of a band. Tickets are \$21 per person. For tickets and reservations call Olene McGowen 842-9038, Mae Hargrove 842-9588 or Gaila Kelso 876-9857.

### Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community at Bicentennial Chapel has Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. CCD classes are held 10:45-11:45 a.m. Sunday; and reconciliation is 8:30-9:15 a.m. Sunday. Scheduled guest speakers include Carolyn Loshuertos this Saturday at 5 p.m., and Rev. Carl Maln at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Both are to speak on the Hospice Concept.

### MBA classes

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Bevill Conference Center, classroom 289 at 550 Sparkman Drive. Under this program attend classes on alternate weekends, complete degree requirements in 18 months, and learn from doctorally-qualified faculty. Classes are held in Huntsville beginning in January. To RSVP or for more information, call (800) 672-7223 (ext. 5039).

### Admin professionals

Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its annual IMPACT meeting at 11 a.m. Nov. 17 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. The IMPACT meeting, "Pride in Professionalism," will be an informational and networking luncheon. For more information, call Donna Dickey 313-3472.

### Sergeants major

The Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association will have its monthly meeting from 6-7:30 a.m. Nov. 19 at the Radisson Hotel on South Parkway. Elections will be con-

ducted at this meeting. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Frank Hyatt 876-4160.

### Town Hall meet

AMCOM Quarterly Town Hall Meeting— featuring Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commanding general — for the entire AMCOM work force will be held at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 8 in the Sparkman Auditorium and broadcast on Team Redstone television channel 42. Agenda items will published soon. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will reserved in Section 7 of the Auditorium.

### Supply center

The Base Supply Center will close Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. so that its staff may attend the Directorate of Logistics Thanksgiving dinner. It will reopen Nov. 18 at 7:30 a.m. The staff apologizes for any inconvenience.

### Dance concert

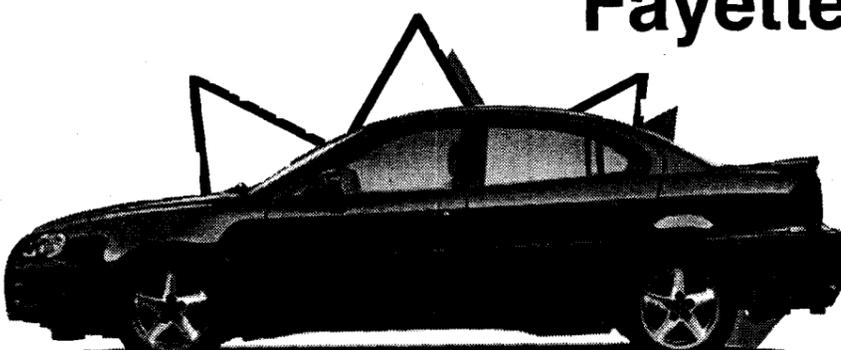
The Grissom High School Dance Department will have its third annual "Joy Explosion Dance Concert" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Grissom auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and will be available at the door. For reservations or more information, call Stephanie Kelsey 650-4397.

### Newcomers tour

The Army Community Service (ACS) Newcomers' Orientation will be held Dec 1, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at building 3447. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Free child care is provided at the Child Development Center, building 3145. Child's shot records and registration is required to use the services. Attendance is mandatory for military personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

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**'97 FORD Taurus GL.** White/gray, loaded, 62K mi., exc. cond. \$9,850. (256) 778-7962.

**'97 NISSAN Pathfinder XE.** V6, 4x4, 5 spd., keyless entry, PW, PD, CD, beige, exc. cond. SACRIFICE at \$20K, must move. 772-4025.

**'96 MAZDA 626 ES.** V6, auto, all options. Assume remainder of lease, 9 months. Option, but no obligation to buy. 883-6115.

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**'94 PLYMOUTH Voyager SE.** Good cond., 68K mi. Asking \$9,900. Robert, 461-7642.

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**'87 PLYMOUTH Caravelle.** Well maintained, 1 owner, good running car, new tires, 95K mi. \$1,890. 883-2002.

**'87 PONTIAC 6000,** good body, needs engine work, \$600 OBO.

**'81 DODGE Customized Van,** good shape, runs well, \$2,195. 881-3622.

**'86 HONDA Accord.** Auto, 4 cyl., 4 dr., gray, loaded, 121K mi., exc. cond. \$2,900. 864-0664 or 720-4667, pager.

**'85 PONTIAC Trans Am.** V8, auto, new paint, new tires, good cond. \$2,500. 883-4158, after 4 p.m.

**'84 BUICK Century.** 4 dr., AC, AM/FM, auto, very nice car for teenager. \$1,400. 721-9583.

**'84 OLDS Cutlass.** 2 dr., black, V8, auto, AC, AM/FM/Cass., 106K mi., CLEAN! Reduced \$3,200 OBO. 464-5624 or 721-0358, after 5 p.m.

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## Cards of Thanks

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**Printer.** Panasonic Inkjet KX-P1123, 24 pin, multi-mode printer. Asking \$20. 883-6894.

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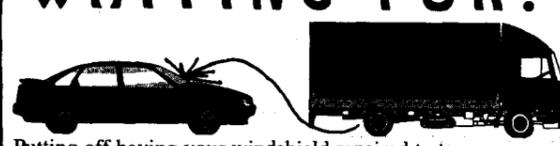
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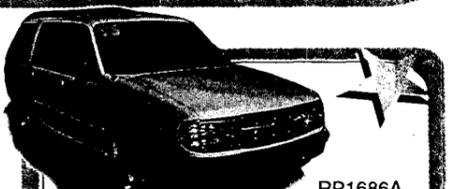
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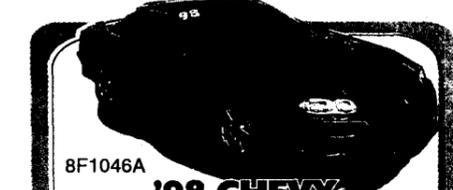
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