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Helping little angels...

Dejah and SSgt. Steven Hess wanted to teach their children— Christian, 7, and Alexandria, 6 — that there are children less fortunate at Christmas time. To share a little of what they have with others, Christian

and Alexandria picked out a child their own age from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. They were given \$70 to buy a toy and an outfit for their angel and then wrapped the gifts together as a family.

Defusing confrontation...

Army private stays 'cool,' helps keep peace in Bosnia

By Gerry Gilmore

WASHINGTON— A 1st Cavalry Division soldier on duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina kept a cool head to help keep the peace.

PFC Jarred H. King, a 20-year-old artillery observer, was confronted Dec. 2 by a group of excited Serbian militia who demanded that he surrender his weapon. The Serbs were angered by the arrest that day of one of their leaders, Gen. Radislav Krstic, for alleged war crimes.

Displaying maturity beyond his years, King refused to comply with the Serbs' demands or respond to their threats, Army officials said. Seeing that they couldn't provoke King, the Serbs

"He said he was never more scared in his life, but he knew he was a member of the greatest Army in world, and that if he just maintained his composure, acted professionally, he'd get through it."

— Maj. Gen. Kevin Byrnes
1st Cavalry Division

eventually lost interest.

King, who hails from Columbia, Miss., received the Army Achievement Medal for professional conduct the next day from Maj. Gen. Kevin Byrnes, the 1st Cavalry Division's commanding general who is in Bosnia with his troops.

King is a shy, "shucks that was nothing" type of

soldier, Byrnes said.

"He said he was never more scared in his life, but he knew he was a member of the greatest Army in world, and that if he just maintained his composure, acted professionally, he'd get through it. (Soldiers like King are) a tribute to

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Redstone Rocket will take the next two weeks off for the holidays and resume its regular weekly schedule January 8, 1999.

The advertising office on 3315 Bob Wallace Ave. will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday during the holidays with the exception of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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Retirement is double the pleasure for the Birdsongs

Identical twins enlisted together, finish together

By Skip Vaughn

The retirement worker was confused. Why is the same guy back having his paperwork redone?

Billy Birdsong was used to this. His identical twin, Bobby, had submitted his own retirement paperwork so— as usual — they were being mistaken for each other.

The Birdsong twins are retiring Jan. 1. They decided they'd end their careers just like they usually did things— together.

"Of course we communicate a lot with each other. We're real close," Bobby Birdsong, chief of the TMDE Support Center, said.

They joined the Army



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MIRROR IMAGE— Identical twins Bobby, left, and Billy Birdsong, 59, will retire together in January.

together in June 1957, served three years together in Virginia, then both entered the construction business, and eventually came to Redstone. They have similar hobbies and plans. The main difference is Billy's mustache. Bobby had a mustache three years ago but his wife didn't like

it so he shaved it off to keep the peace.

"It's kind of like looking in the mirror sometimes," Billy, chief of the maintenance branch in Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, said.

Bobby's the oldest by five minutes. They were born April 8, 1939 in

Huntsville Hospital to Oscar and Marie Birdsong. Bobby weighed 8 1/2 pounds, and Billy weighed 8 pounds. After those two large arrivals their mother, who died two years ago, decided that was enough

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Letters To The Editor

Playing God

As I go about my daily duties, I sometimes look at situations that occur and ask myself, what would Jesus do?

What would He do for instance if I went into His office and said, "Lord, I have found a job in another organization." I don't think anyone reading this would expect a response other than, "My son, if you are happy about this then go with my blessing." He also might say, "Will you tell me why you wish to leave and is there some way I can convince you to stay?"

For those of us who may not feel ready to meet Jesus face-to-face, thinking of Him as our supervisor may be a scary thought. The reason I say this is because when I approach a supervisor and he/she "plays God" with my career I wonder if they have ever thought if they are deserving of that responsibility. Also, how would they respond if they went to their supervisor to discuss a possible career move (hoping he/she would behave like Jesus) only to find that their supervisor seemed to have forgotten the Do Unto Others....

I don't expect anyone I work for to be perfect. I do hope when they are in church this Sunday they will reflect on this letter and ask God to let them know if they are worthy of "playing God" with someone's career and pray for the strength and wisdom to be more understanding and perhaps a bit more open-minded when approached by an employee seeking his/her approval.

After all, when I set aside my ego and any other fears I may have of losing an argument, etc., and openly discuss something with someone, I have nothing to lose but plenty to give of myself— isn't that what He would do?

Name withheld by request

Giving thanks

I would really like to give thanks to everyone who has been so kind and thoughtful to me and my family during the time of losing our loved one. Everyone has been so wonderful and it is highly appreciated. Words can't express the way I feel, but thank you to everyone. Merry Christmas to everyone, and God bless you all.

Annita Payne
Doug's Deli,
Sparkman Center

Research study

I would like to thank all of the AMCOM employees participating in the research study on downsizing at: <http://www.org-dev.com/downsize.htm>.

Having worked for ATCOM for nearly eight years, I experienced the high level of professionalism and dedication of the ATCOM workforce to its mission. I have many fond memories of my past working relationships with employees throughout ATCOM. While downsizing affects everyone in different ways, I wish the former ATCOM workforce and their families well.

Mark Faul
psychologist,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Correction

An article on page 9 of last week's Rocket— headline "Configuration management specialist joins select group with certification" — incorrectly said that Susan Knight took her husband and children with her to the three-week Certification Management II course in Orlando, Fla. She actually took her mother and children.

Christmas soldiers

I am not quite sure if people know the true meaning of Christmas these days. What I mean to say is that most soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines seem to hold a different meaning than the general population, with regard to the winter holidays. I have been one of freedom's guardians for the better part of my adult life, and one of the downfalls has always been Christmas. The military, you should understand, is a family unto its own. Unfortunately, when it comes to the holidays, it really seems to make little difference to the individual soldier. The sadness, homesickness and temporary depression during this time of year, strike the hearts of the fiercest soldiers serving to protect our beloved country.

For example, during the past 10 years I have been afforded three real opportunities to spend Christmas with my family. It is my custom to work on Christmas and allow junior soldiers the time to go home and spend quality time at home with their families and friends. Yes, that is my choice; and to me at least, my obligation as a leader, is to ensure the kids get the time they need to help cope with the holidays. But I also feel the season around me, and deal with the sadness it brings. I know it will be gone in a day or two, and things will eventually return to normal.

Something the majority of folks who have friends or relatives in the military do not understand, is exactly what their patriots far from home must endure. Normal feelings are magnified during the Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Just think for a moment, if you will, where you were when you were 18 or 19 years old and the holidays rolled around. Were you close to home, or were you geographically separated from family and friends by what seemed to be a distance of epic proportion? These soldiers— I call them kids only because working around them seems to keep me young — these kids, are away from home, most for the first time in their young lives. Add to that the normal winter weather conditions like cold and snow, or clouds and rain and things just seem to get worse. The plus side to all this is that the kids tend to gravitate toward one another, in order to muddle through this depressing time, so they don't go temporarily crazy.

Ya gotta really respect these kids. They all wanted to become soldiers for their own patriotic reasons, each of whom has his or her own tale to be told, and for their own aspirations. Unfortunately the Christmas season shows them a side of themselves that they may not want, or be ready, to see. For the most part it has been their gung-ho attitude, or feelings of invincibility that has kept them from noticing the fact that they are not indestructible. Those feelings abruptly end during the holidays. They cannot hide the pain of not being with family, not from themselves anyway, and they hurt inside.

It could be a smell, or a thought, or a feeling that triggers this pain. Suddenly they miss their families and friends, or their dog or cat, wife, husband, boyfriend, girlfriend, or whoever they feel close to at the time. When the reality of this strikes it is hard on some, not quite so hard on others, but everyone is affected to some extent. The whole thing is a very humbling miasma in which they become enveloped. They feel small, and all they want is the face or voice of a cherished loved one for company.

It is very simple you see. Soldiers respect the little things that ease the pain. To them Christmas is not about the shirt or jeans, socks or shoes, or other presents they receive. To the soldier, more than anyone, in my opinion, Christmas is really about love and sharing. The whole concept is about taking a brief moment, a short flicker in

time, to say "I Love You," and recognize the true feeling of the season. After all, the Big Guy upstairs sent His only son to tell us that long ago. The soldier does it everyday, for God and for country, maybe. They train every other day of the year to give the people of our country, most of whom they will never meet, the ultimate gift of their love, freedom, and if necessary they are willing to commit to the sacrifice in the process.

You ask me why Christmas is so special to U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines? Christmas is the one day of the year, they can actually drop their shields to the public and each other, and tell folks how much they really care.

Sgt. Brian Bowman
988th MP Company
Fort Benning, Ga.

Motorist's view

In response to the letter to the editor "Cyclist's Rights," Dec. 2, I feel the writer's opinion, as presented, is extremely one-sided. I agree that bicycles preceded automobiles, biking is good exercise, and fossil fuels saved by biking may be available for eventual use by our ancestors; however, it's apparent that the writer has not seen himself and other commuter bikers as others see them.

I won't dignify the claims concerning our ancestral behavior because all of that is no longer valid. Anyone who questions this should visit the Wright Brothers Museum at Kitty Hawk. My opinion of commuter biking is based on today's traffic conditions and the habits of today's motorists.

First of all, let me establish that I consider every motorized vehicle to be a potential guided missile on wheels. Nothing frightens me any more than meeting oncoming traffic on an undivided highway knowing that my vehicle will pass within 6 feet (or less) of an oncoming vehicle with our combined speeds totaling 110 mph and not knowing the condition of the other driver or his equipment. I do, however, feel a sense of calm when I'm able to travel with the traffic "flow," usually 5 to 10 mph over the posted speed.

This is where bicycle riders create a hazard, not only for themselves but also for all motorists coming and going on the roadway. Trust me, I have seen some strange things occur while trying to travel north on Patton Road (posted speed limit 50) amid a string of 10 impatient motorists trying to pass a bicyclist traveling 25 mph. Also, I've experienced the horror of coming out of a dense fog on the slope of Monte Sano Mountain and finding a bicyclist traveling at less than half my speed. Depending on how much of the road one feels that a biker is entitled to have, a biker can create the same traffic flow interruption we experience with a school bus or a loaded dump truck. Two cars competing for the same space as they try to go around the biker can create a real mess. The writer seems to think this type of risk is acceptable for him, but what he isn't considering is all of us who don't wish to be involved in risk taking.

The writer alleges that a well-tuned car produces almost four times its own weight in pollution each year. There's a rumor that I have an environmental protection background; however, I've never known anyone who could calculate this. In fact, if it can't be containerized or at least seen, it can't be accurately measured. This concept seems as though it's something we wish to believe.

I realize that the opinion I'm expressing could easily brand me as an anti-biker. This is far from the truth; in fact, I used to ride a bike many years ago, to high school.

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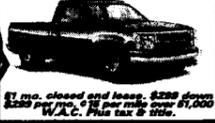
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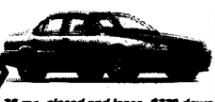


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And the winner is...

Aviation video wins Oscar from Defense Department

By John Allen

When the Program Executive Office for Aviation's 1st Lt. James Craig needed a short video that would show the broad field of PEO Aviation assets for a big conference, he contacted Redstone's Educational Television, Training Division.

Good thing. The three minute, 15 second video—produced in less than a month — took first-place honors at DoD's 1998 Visual Information Production Awards program. It was selected from among 41 entries submitted in four categories. The 41 videos had been previously selected from 124 entries. The video, in the Equipment and Materials category, is entitled "Aviation Program Executive Office for the 1998 AAAA Conference."

The other three categories in the competition included Recruitment, Information and Current Events, and Training.

"This was stiff competition, with only two Army

production houses represented in the finals among all the military services and DA combined," Randy Porter, chief of CIC Training Division, said. "Most of the television production center at St. Louis was moved here last year and merged with us; this video is the first effort out of the combined group."

Andy Manlove was the editor (assisted by Craig); and the video's two animators were Chris Gaines and David Hatch. "I thought the video was pretty good," Manlove said. "We've had other videos I thought were good enough to win awards. And earlier this year, we did win a merit award from the Society for Technical Communication for 'Blocking and Bracing,' a video about how to properly load ammunition for safe shipping."

Department scriptwriter Holly Snow said that the "Quad-A" video was done under a very tight deadline. "The customer brought us a box-full of videotapes," she said. "Much of the produc-

tion task consisted of editing together a story from the videotapes in that box."

The video was produced for the annual Army Aviation Association of America conference, held last April in Charlotte, N.C. The video preceded remarks by Maj. Gen. James Snider, program executive officer for aviation. The prize included a 10-inch-high, Oscar-like statuette and framed award.

The program featured action shots with animation of the Army's newest helicopters in combat conditions. A highlight of the video was an appearance by best-selling author Tom Clancy ("Patriot Games," "Hunt for Red October"). In the video, Clancy said "If we have to send soldiers into battle again, the outcome must not be like a football score, 21-20; every number on the right side of the equation is a dead American. The Comanche helicopter is breakthrough technology to keep the score at 100 to nothing."

Snow, the scriptwriter,

said her department—which formerly exclusively supported the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School — broadened its scope when the St. Louis mission came to Redstone.

"The main thrust of our efforts is educational products, including video animation, and multimedia," she said. "Soldiers are using instruction manuals off-the-shelf less and less. Instead, they are increasingly using laptop computers with CD-ROMs. New soldiers come to Redstone to learn to maintain the electronics in the Army weapons systems and ammunition supply. Our operation supports that mission plus AMCOM programs, as well. For example, we have a video that trains soldiers how to use a printed circuit board tester. Also, our recruitment



Photo by John Allen

PRODUCTION STAFF— Some of ETV Training Division's team members show off the statuette they helped win for a video they produced for the Program Executive Office for Aviation. From left are David Hatch, Andy Manlove and Chris Gaines. 1st Lt. James Craig who commissioned the video, received a duplicate award.

videos give a soldier a better picture of what to expect here, the training they will receive, and prospects for employment if they leave the military later."

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Fondly remembered...

Ex-Army aviation leader, noted educator dies

By Dan O'Boyle

Retired Maj. Gen. John H. Stanford died in Seattle, Wash., Nov. 28 at the age of 60.

Stanford was the deputy commanding general at the Aviation Systems Command (AVSCOM) in St. Louis from September 1986 to July 1987, and was the superintendent of the Seattle City Public Schools at the time of his death.

Fondly remembered by Seattle residents and current AMCOM employees, who migrated from St. Louis, Stanford had battled leukemia for seven months.

"John Stanford's advice to me, when he was serving as the aviation logistics assignment officer, was to go to Washington and never leave Washington except for a command or school assignment," retired Lt. Col. Bob Vlasic said. "John Stanford believed that, and he lived that. A lot of senior and general officers owe their career advancements to heeding that advice."

Priscilla Caraway-Vinson, an AMCOM logistics management specialist, also recalls Stanford's influence.

"He didn't wait for any problems to come to him; he went out and found the problems," Vinson said. "His warm personality, compassion and the strength that he brought to the job inspired everybody. He encouraged and promot-

ed fitness, implementing early morning walks at the Federal Center, 4300 Good-fellow. He was a stranger to none and a leader to all."

Following his retirement, after 30 years service, Stanford became a county manager in Fulton County, Ga. He became superintendent in Seattle in July 1995; and he delivered the education address to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August 1996.

"It's not political; not for me," he said then. "I have children in school who are Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and Independents. I can't politicize the education of our children."

Stanford's son, Steve, spoke of the special bond that his father had for children.

"The reason that he loved kids was that he never stopped being a kid himself," Steve said. "He loved them not only as their leader, but also as their peer."

An eternal optimist, Stanford was buried in Section 7A of Arlington National Cemetery, Dec. 4. His wife, Patricia received the flag covering his casket from Gen. Dennis Reimer, Army chief of staff.

"This morning we deliver to God the body and soul of John Henry Stanford," Don Nielsen, vice president of the Seattle School Board, told mourners. "We do not, however, relinquish his

spirit."

An artist's depiction, highlighting then Brig. Gen. Stanford's AVSCOM tour, hangs on the north wall of the first-floor, hallway to the courtyard, Sparkman Center building 5308.

Stanford's last assignment was at the U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM), Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he oversaw Operation Desert Storm plans and programs. He also served as the executive secretary to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger from November 1981 to June 1984.

Despite four rounds of chemotherapy and a stem-cell transplant, with his older sister Carolyn Stanford Adams of Miami as the donor, Stanford put on a Seattle Mariners jersey and threw out the season's first pitch at the Kingdome.

"John dedicated every

ounce of himself to our children," Seattle Mayor Paul Schell said. "He put public education at the top of the civic agenda, and leaves us with a legacy of community responsibility to our children and their education."

Stanford often drew national attention because he was "a non-educator leading an urban school district."

"Seattle took a risk three years ago when it hired Stanford, a man with no education experience," NBC TV's Mike Boettcher said on the Nightly News, Nov. 30. "But this former general came ready to wage war — against apathetic teachers, underachieving students, complacent parents and indifferent community. Test scores soon rose. Seattle was becoming proud of its schools again. Stanford's message— love



File photo

GENERAL OFFICER— Stanford, a retired major general, died Nov. 28.

'em and lead 'em."

Donations in John Stanford's memory can be made to the following:

- The John Stanford Endowment Fund for Seattle Schools at the Alliance for Education, 500 Union St., Suite 300, Seattle, Wash., 98101; phone (206)

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Ending career journey...

Prospective SAMD retirees look back—and ahead

By John Allen

What do you do when you love your job, but circumstances beyond your control tell you it is time to quit? That's a question that John Furno is wrestling with after 41 years in Civil Service.

"I'm a work-oriented person with a very fulfilling job; I've enjoyed accomplishing what I've done. So, it's hard to leave that environment. I guess I have violated the rules about thinking ahead regarding retirement." Furno, an international program management specialist with Security Assistance Management Directorate, said.

It's different with Gene Orebaugh. He has 42 years in Civil Service, but is ready to move on to something else after retirement. "Don't misunderstand me, I love my job and I hate to leave," Orebaugh said. "I've worked with a lot of good people and I will miss them. It's a bittersweet thing. I don't want to go, but it's time to go. I may become a consultant with one of the contractors I've dealt with over the years. I'm also pretty handy with tools; if I get bored, I might do some home repair work."

Orebaugh was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was there during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. But he grew up in the Washington, D.C., area.

"My job itinerary took me from Fort Bliss to Maryland to Redstone. In Maryland, I had assignments at Friendly, Accokeek, and Waldorf. Most of this time I was a Nike Ajax radar/missile technician."

Orebaugh came to Redstone in 1966 and worked for OMMCS; then in 1972,

he switched to the Missile Command. In 1983 he did a four-year stint in Korea as MICOM's liaison with the Republic of Korea's army. He is currently the Korean Program manager with the Security Assistance Management Directorate. Orebaugh is retired from the Army National Guard.

Furno is a second-generation American of Italian ancestry. "I grew up in a section of Chicago that was a melting pot of immigrants from all over," he said. Later he went to the University of Illinois, then spent two years in the Army.

Following the Army, Furno worked for the Corps of Engineers as a contract specialist in Chicago. He has also been a logistician at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. While there his project office was transferred to MICOM at Redstone in 1973. In 1980 after that office was dissolved, he worked on various systems, including Dragon, Shillelagh, LCSS and M65. In 1993 he transferred to his present position at Aviation and Missile Command.

"I really enjoy challenges and meeting deadlines," Furno said. "One that stands out was my work during the Vietnam War of buying rocket components from a lot of different contractors to support the war effort. Another one was when we had an accelerated deployment requirement for the MLRS to Israel. I was the case manager; I enjoyed the challenge and met the deadlines."

Orebaugh says he also has two standout memories from his work. "One was 1972 in South Korea when I was assigned to help set up their depot, the 5th echelon repair facility for Nike

Hercules and other missiles. We had that depot up and running in three years, which was record time. The other great memory was my work in the MLRS arena for the past 12 years. I worked with a lot of foreign nationals in establishing programs in their countries for missile hardware, repair parts, and training. It was all very enjoyable," Orebaugh said.

Both Orebaugh and Furno are married to women named Marian, except Orebaugh's wife spells her name as "Marion." Both families have grown children and grandchildren. Both men are in what they describe as military sales with foreign

countries. They say their jobs have necessitated a lot of travel.

"I'm a Yankee who is staying in Huntsville," Furno said. "Huntsville has it all; it's not your stereotypical Alabama city. My kids did everything here they could do in youth activities. It was the best time of my life. And on top of that, I've had great jobs and a great wife."

But he says he is concerned about the transition to retirement. "I have a fear of becoming too much of a bosom buddy with the TV remote control. My wife, who is a retired nurse, is involved in a lot of community activities. Maybe I'll get involved too. We're sell-



Photo by John Allen

JOB DONE— Orebaugh, left, and Furno are retiring soon from the Security Assistance Management Directorate.

ing our big house in Southeast Huntsville and moving to a smaller house in Madison. Once that's finished,

we may do some traveling. We want to see the Grand Canyon and New England in the fall," Furno said.

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Volunteers give support to domestic violence victims

First responders accompany police officers to scene of abuse

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Angry voices can turn to blows in any household. Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence.

"The Huntsville Police Department receives on the average 350 domestic violence calls a month," police Sgt. Joe Carter, patrol supervisor, said. "We were in need of some type of outreach program to deal with this issue and we finally got it here. The Crisis Services of North Alabama, formerly Hope Place, First Responder's Program, has had a great impact on helping abuse victims find a place to stay and made our job a lot easier."

As a responder volunteer, Evelyn Pharris assists the police on domestic abuse responses. She rides with the police officer on all calls for the entire shift. Sometimes a domestic violence call doesn't come in and some days there's more than one call. She volunteers once a week on either the second or third shift.

Pharris is the prevention and education coordinator in the Alcohol and Drug Control Office for the AMCOM Personnel and Training Directorate.

Pharris became interested in volunteering because the community in various ways had helped her as a single parent for 20 years. She was reading The Huntsville Times one day and saw a notice asking for volunteers to answer crisis calls for Hope Place's Help Line. Pharris called them for an application. When she went in for her interview, she found out that they were in need of first responders, which sounded better to her.

Each responder must complete 18 classroom hours of training in domestic violence and 24 hours of field training. Without the intense training, Pharris commented, she would have felt totally out of her league.

Since August, Pharris has ridden with many police officers including Patrol Officers Joel Stephens and Eric Williams in all five different areas of Huntsville. Every officer she has been with in the beginning didn't appear to be overjoyed; however, after an hour she felt as if she had known them her entire life.

Stephens commented he was skeptical about the First Responder Program at

first. However, he said "I now see how the program has saved the police officers a lot of time and speeded up the process in responding to a victim's immediate needs."

Williams said he finds the first response team volunteers very useful. "They add the appropriate emotional support needed," he said. "The volunteers help assess the victim's needs and outline what might be done to address violence in their life."

The police officer goes into the house first. Once the place has been secured, the first responder then enters the house to support the officer and provide the individual with emotional support. If children are present, Pharris gives them 911 bags, which includes coloring books, safety plan, crayons and a stuffed animal. She tells them how important they are, how special they are, we are there to help them and ask them what they need and want from us.

"I'm usually there for about 30 to 45 minutes," Pharris said. "I provide on-the-spot counseling to the mother or father, depending on who is the victim. I tell



Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson

ON PATROL— Pharris rides with officer Eric Williams of Huntsville Police Department.

the person how to get food stamps and give her or him a packet of information on our shelter procedures. If the victim is interested, I attempt to talk her into going to our safe house, a shelter for abused women and minor children."

If the victim plans to go to a shelter, she and any children will be taken to the shelter by a police officer. Pharris calls the shelter first and tells them who will be coming.

After arriving at the

shelter, the people are given clean clothes if a bag is not packed and a place to sleep. The shelter can be provided for up to 30 days. When possible, Crisis Services also offers a shelter for abused men in an alternate location.

Most of the time, women won't go to a shelter. And so, why don't these women just leave these abusive situations, many ask. According to shelter workers, financial and emotional dependence

plays a big role.

If the individual wants to stay in the relationship, Pharris gives them options to consider: counseling, marital counseling, and family counseling if children are involved. She goes over a safety plan with the victim for the next time violence occurs: safe place to go, what to take, and who to call. Pharris suggests the person pre-pack a

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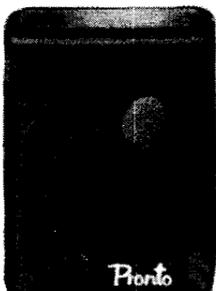
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Photos and story by Sandy Riebeling

It was a morning of celebration, pork, pies, and a job well done. Federal employees in the Tennessee Valley topped their goal of \$1,462,000 for the 1998 Combined Federal Campaign by raising \$1,502,000, a new record. Contributors included 35 federal agencies across seven counties.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, served as chairman of the Tennessee Valley CFC. In his remarks to the audience gathered in the Sparkman Auditorium Dec. 9, Gibson praised the efforts of the campaign workers as well as contributors.

"The contributions pledged during this year's campaign are a tribute to your generosity," he said. "Moreover, they are an investment in your community and country because agencies funded by your contributions serve all of us. The 1998 CFC slogan was Caring is Sharing. From my vantage point, it is clear that our folks do care and

have certainly demonstrated their willingness to share.

"Today I want to thank each loaned executive, financial chairperson, monitor, solicitor, organization and contributor for his or her contributions and participation in this campaign."

Dr. Herschel Love, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the past two years, offered his thanks and congratulations for a job well done.

"I am extremely proud to say, you met the challenge," Love said. "You worked hard. You took advantage of every opportunity and you turned them into something good. You exceeded all the 1998 CFC goals and set some new campaign records. You exceeded what you were challenged to do and had some fun along the way."

The fun had just begun for the audience as they spotted Marlene Cruze, director of the Acquisition Center, making her way across the stage with a pig



YUMMY— The crowd in the Sparkman Auditorium laughed and cheered as folks from LOGSA put a pie in the face of the folks from CIC, as part of the competition fun for CFC contributions.

in her arms. It was time to pay the piper, or in this case, kiss the pig. The competition for the most donations per capita between the Acquisition Center, Integrated Materiel Management Center and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center had come to a close. IMMC came in first with a record-

setting year while the Acquisition Center placed second, leaving Dr. William McCorkle, Missile Research Development and Engineering Center director, smooching with the pig, for the second year in a row.

Next came the results for the Pie in the Face competition between the Logis-

tics Support Activity and Corporate Information Center. This was a new competition for donations this year, one that is sure to become tradition, if audience response counts.

Management personnel from LOGSA suited up in aprons while their losing counterparts from CIC donned plastic trash bags in preparation for the whipped cream pie assault. The original plan called for all the pies to be thrown at once but due to overwhelming audience opinion, each person was allowed the spotlight for their shot of pie in the face.

A representative from the United Way presented Gibson with an award for his leadership in the campaign, thanking him for his continual, solid support of the CFC. Gibson presented Love with the Commander's Medallion Award for his service to the CFC for the past two years.

Federal agencies receiving CFC awards included:

- Early Bird Award— Social Security Administration- Huntsville, Office of

Personnel Management- Huntsville, Army Audit Agency-Huntsville, General Accounting Office-Huntsville, Defense Contracting Audit Agency-Huntsville, Army Materials Systems Analysis Activity and Army Medical Activity;

- Bronze award— Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School;
- Silver award— General Accounting Office, DCAA-Huntsville, TVA Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant and AMC MEA;

- Gold award— Marshall Space Flight Center; Social Security Administration-Huntsville, Office of Personnel Management, Army Audit Agency, Army Engineering and Support Center, Army Dental Clinic Command, Social Security Administration- Decatur, DISA-HFO and General Services Administration;

- Chairman award— Marshall Space Flight Center, Social Security Administration- Huntsville, Office of Personnel Management, General Accounting Office,

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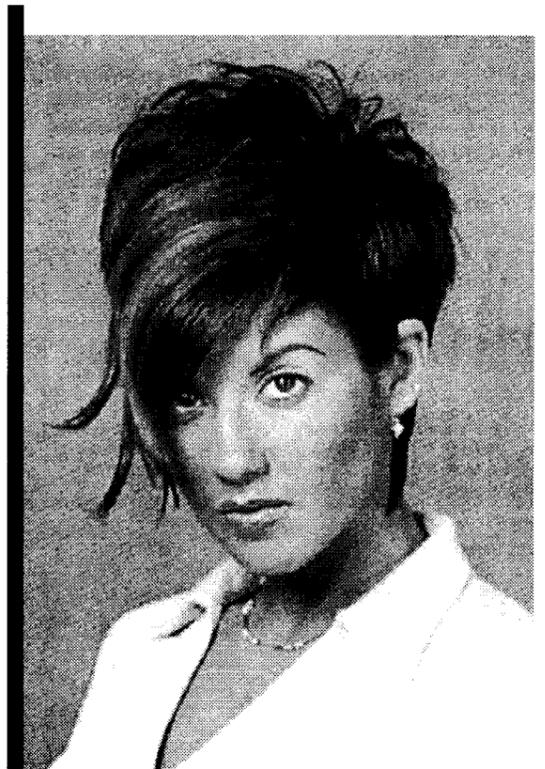
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Volunteer rings bell for those who need help

Kiwanis Club member raises funds to meet needs in community

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

A tradition that began 107 years ago on a San Francisco street corner continues across the country this Christmas season. The Salvation Army bell ringers are as much a part of the Yuletide scene as mistletoe and Santa.

Among this season's bell ringers was Charlie Urban. He donned his Kiwanis Club apron and Santa hat to ring the bell Dec. 5 at the Wal-Mart store in Madison. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville volunteer their time and bell ringing talent to the Salvation Army.

"There's no such thing as an overload of volunteers," Urban said, "and the need remains constant throughout the campaign. Despite the nation's apparent prosperity, beneath the surface of society, many people are still struggling with poverty.

"We help because we all know of occasions where the Salvation Army has helped people who couldn't help themselves," he said. "Many of us have friends or family who have been helped."

Urban is executive officer for Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Acquisition Center. He was a member of the Alton-Godfrey, Ill., Kiwanis for six years. Since moving to

Huntsville last year, he has become active in the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville.

"I really didn't know what to expect when I first got involved," Urban said. "What I found was an organization that is dedicated to their motto, 'Children, Priority One.'"

In Kiwanis, it is not so much ability as usability that makes a difference. And as Kiwanians, each of them has many opportunities to be the one person who can make a big difference—in the club, in the life of someone who is served by a Kiwanis project, even in the future of the organization as a whole.

Kiwanis fund-raising projects provide contributions to worthwhile community needs. Besides bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Christmas time, they also sponsor several service clubs for young people.

"Children are our No. 1 priority," Urban said. "We provide Huntsville schools with all their safety patrol equipment. And we also provide scholarships. This impacts many children of families here at the Arsenal."

In addition, the club sponsors several handicapped children to attend the Alabama Special Camp for children and adults. They have had the counselors tell them that this makes a world of differ-



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SHARING TIME— Urban helps spread joy of Christmas by ringing bell and collecting monies for the Salvation Army.

ence in learning.

"Membership in and volunteer work for the Kiwanis is personally rewarding," Urban said. "You experience a feeling of worth when you see the smiling faces of children who have been given a helping hand through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club."

The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville is dedicated to the betterment of the community, and is part of the Kiwanis Club International. It is dedicated to the eradication of Iodine Deficiency Disorder worldwide.

Today there are 8,500 Kiwanis clubs with 323,000 members in 80 nations.

CCAWS Project Office people receive awards

The following CCAWS Project Office workers received an award recently:

- Special Act— Fred Allen, Ron Anderson, Greg Armstrong, Lamar M. Auman, John Bier, Frank Blackwell, Dave Browning, Ellis Burroughs, Susan Burroughs, Sandra Byars-Smith, Janice Churchey, Warren Coontz, Steve Cornelius, Melanie Davis, David Douglas, Myra Dupree, Linda Edwards, Latana Erves, Barbara Gaines, Terry Gano, Jerald Green, Kelly Grider, Shannon Haataja, Ralph Halladay, Ricky Hammon, Martin Harris, Thomas Hart, John Henningsen, Scott Hill, Steve Holden, Rick Hubert, Felicia Jones, Carol Jones-Tucker, Patrick Lawler, Jennifer Lewis, Dan McQuay, David Merta, Todd Miller, Robert Mitchell, Scott Moody, Kim Newman, John Kevin

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Cost cutting...

Command honors participants in cost reduction programs

By Mike Price

Organizations have been recognized for helping AMCOM save \$214.9 million in fiscal 1998 through Value Engineering.

An annual awards ceremony for the value engineering and Operations and Support Cost Reduction programs was held Dec. 3. Key representatives from the Aviation and Missile Command and Program Executive Office community were recognized for their efforts to both VE and Operations and Support Cost Reduction during the fiscal year.

"VE/OSCR assists us in producing affordable aviation and missile equipment," Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "More than ever, our soldiers need and deserve our dedicated VE/OSCR efforts to keep America's Army the finest in the world. In short, VE/OSCR is vital to achieving the goals of this command, the Department of Defense, the taxpayers, and every soldier in the field."

The command's \$214.9 million in VE savings for fiscal '98 included \$213.2 million from in-house generated VE proposals and \$1.7 million through proposals submitted by contractors. This amounted to 269 percent of its \$80 million goal for the year.

The following AMCOM/

PEO organizations received VE award plaques for achieving their fiscal '98 savings goals: Patriot-PAC3 Project Office, Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office, Integrated Materiel Management Center, Army TACMS-BAT Project Office, Air-to-Ground Missile System Project Office, Deputy for Systems Acquisition, CCAWS Project Office, Javelin Project Office, Corporate Information Center, THAAD Project Office, Joint Tactical UAV, and the Research Development and Engineering Center. Value Engineering certificates were also presented to VE coordinators for their accomplishments.

The command's OSCR efforts were just as successful during the year. Eleven projects were contracted on aviation systems while six projects were contracted on missile systems. The initial investments required for the 17 projects totaled \$8.1 million. The total gross savings over the next 10 years are projected to exceed \$744 million.

The following AMCOM/PEO organizations received OSCR award plaques for their fiscal '98 accomplishments: Apache Attack Helicopter Project Manager Office, Kiowa Warrior Product Office, Patriot PAC-3 Project Office, Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office, and the Cargo Helicopter Program Manager's Office. Operat-

ing and Support Cost Reduction certificates were presented to key OSCR personnel for their accomplishments.

"For continued VE/OSCR success, several things must continue to exist," Gibson said. "First, we must continue to have the support and interest of every organization at all levels. Second, VE/OSCR needs to be in the forefront of our daily work activities. We can assure this by continuing to train and educate our personnel to think VE/OSCR. Third, we must increase contractor participation. Last, we need to continue to recognize and honor participants in the program."

The third annual Robert Tarquine VE Achievement Award was presented to



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AWARD PRESENTATION— From left are Tom Reynolds, the AMCOM VE manager; Franklin Ellis and Anthony Still, award nominees; and Mrs. Gibson; Yanulavich, recipient of the Robert Tarquine Value Engineering Achievement Award; Franklin Ellis and Robert Tarquine. Not pictured are nominees Julie Lee and Sylvia Budd.

Robert Yanulavich of Army TACMS-BAT Project Office. He has been the office's VE coordinator for the past two years and served as assistant coordinator from 1995-96. The award, named after the late Robert Tarquine, is presented by the Command VE Office to a key individual

for outstanding achievements in value engineering. This year's nominees included Anthony Still, Targets Management Office; Julie Lee, Unmanned Ground Vehicle/ Systems Joint Program Office; Sylvia Budd, Integrated Materiel Management Cen-

ter- Corpus Christi (Texas) Army Depot Maintenance; Yanulavich; and Franklin Ellis, THAAD Project Office.

(Editor's note: Price is a value engineering program specialist in the Command VE Office.)

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Helping community...

CPOC workers present Christmas gifts to needy military families on post



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AMONG CONTRIBUTIONS— Looking over a toy truck are, from left, Vicalvi; Mike Mohlere, deputy director for CPOC; and Reed.

By Skip Vaughn

The chaplain looked at the many new toys and children's clothes in the conference room and quipped, "Now I know why the economy's so good."

And that wasn't even all of the items contributed by CPOC workers to needy military families on post. Chaplain (Col.) Paul Vicalvi provided names of five families, including 10 children, to the South Central Civilian Personnel Operation Center for its holiday Angels project.

"This is great," Vicalvi said of the contributions.

The CPOC workers wanted to do something for members of the Redstone community so they contacted the chaplain.

Brenda Reed, an employee development specialist in CPOC, received the chaplain's approval for the project Nov. 16.

The center's five divisions and 256 workers responded with gifts for the families. They spent an estimated \$150 per child and budgeted \$15 for a stocking for each.

"We've had a tremendous outpouring of generosity," Louise Olszewski, the director's secretary, said. The youngsters received everything from toothbrushes to sweatshirts, and of course toys.

"We've tried to give them a really nice Christmas," Olszewski said. In her group, for example, the workers adopted a 3-year-old boy who wore size-3 clothes and liked bugs and cars. He now has plenty of toy bugs and other items.

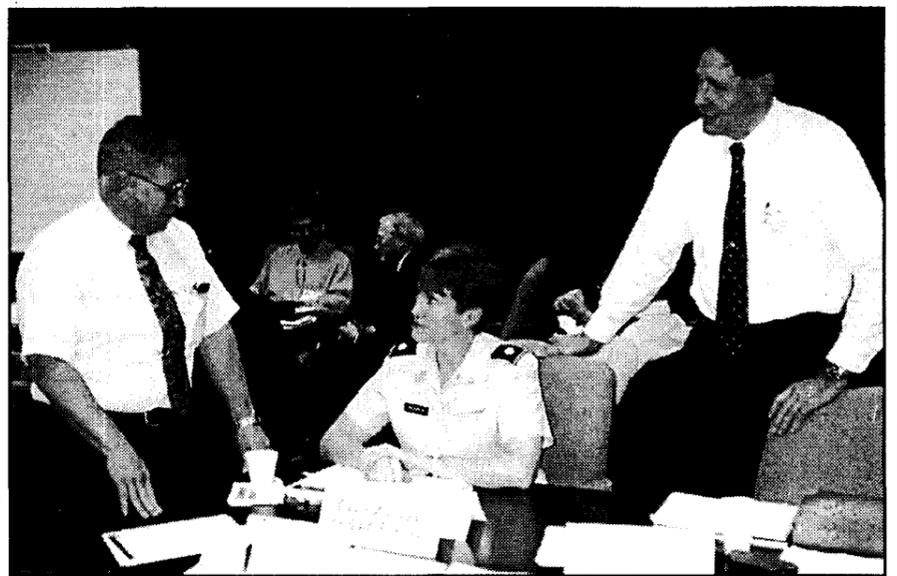


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Logistics managers...

A Senior Managers Course for the Logistics Assistance Program was held Dec. 7-11 at the Sparkman Center. Among the participants are, from left, Fritz Eley of the Army Logistics Management College, the course

director; Lt. Col. Jill Mohror, the logistics assistance officer at Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Gordon Philippovic, course co-facilitator, of the LOGSA Support Office at headquarters Army Materiel Command.



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Began with safety classes...

Friendship with police officer goes through four generations

By Sandy Riebeling

DoD Police Sgt. Melynda Dugdale went to the Child Development Center last year to tell the children about seat belt safety. It is something she does every year. But this time was a little different. She met 4-year-old Lauren Vurdick. It was the beginning of a family affair.

"There's usually one child in every class that stands out, for any number of reasons," Dugdale said. "This time it was Lauren. She took to me right away, asking if I would hold her. She has this wonderful trusting nature and award-winning personality. I remember she was fascinated by McGruff."

A few months later, in October '97, Dugdale returned to the CDC to talk to the children about Halloween safety and walk in the CDC Halloween parade.

"That's when I met Sgt. Dugdale," Lauren's mother, Rhonda Vurdick, said. "Lauren had been talking about the lady policeman—that's what she called her—ever since she'd met her that summer."

Dugdale met both Rhonda and Rhonda's mother, Billie Parks at the CDC Halloween parade in October '97. Because Lauren had grown so attached to Dugdale, Rhonda asked if she could bring Lauren, 4, and Lauren's sister, Christy, 7, by the Provost Marshal Office for a visit.

"Going to her office is a lot of fun," Lauren said. "She's really pretty. I like the way she puts on her make-up."

During the year that followed, Rhonda took the girls to visit Dugdale, under the guise of a refresher

course in seat belt safety, every so often. A family friendship began to grow.

"Lauren saw Sgt. Dugdale's picture in the Rocket so we cut it out and put it on the refrigerator. It stayed up there a long time," Rhonda said.

Dugdale happened upon Lauren with her grandmother Parks, during the Oktoberfest earlier this year.

"At first I thought it was Rhonda, maybe that she'd done something different with her hair, the two look so much alike," Dugdale said. "So I just started chatting away."

"Both of my granddaughters had told me so much about Officer Dugdale I felt like I knew her already," Parks said. "Lauren would ask me if she could ride in the front seat in the middle but I kept telling her that wasn't safe for her. Finally she asked Officer Dugdale if it was OK and she said no. That was the end of it."

"Sgt. Dugdale has a special way with kids," Rhonda said. "This job is very suiting to her personality."

Just a few weeks later while teaching at the Senior Crime Prevention Academy in Huntsville, Dugdale met Lauren's great-grandmother, Thelma Brooks.

"It was so strange," Dugdale said. "I was outside the room getting ready to go in and teach when this woman took my hand and said, 'You're Sgt. Dugdale.' I said yes and asked how she know me and she said that her daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter had told her all about me."

In October Dugdale returned to the CDC for a Halloween safety class and to walk in the parade. This

year all four generations of the family attended the parade.

"It's amazing to see the structure of this family—all the support they give each other," Dugdale said. "To see the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother all at a kindergarten function was incredible."

Dugdale has become a role model for Lauren and her older sister Christy. It's a responsibility she doesn't take lightly.

"Lauren will come by to see me and bring artwork she made at CDC and it just touches my heart," Dugdale said. "I know these kids look up to me. I want to be someone they can be proud of. It confirms in my mind that the quality of work I'm giving the community is to the standard it should be."

"It's situations like this, families like Lauren's, that is the beautiful part of my



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FAMILY MATTERS— Dugdale is amazed by the family support given to young Lauren. Grandmother Parks, mother Rhonda and great-grandmother Brooks attended the Child Development Center's Halloween parade.

job. I believe I will always stay in touch with this family. They've made me feel like a part of them. It's very special to me." "I am very lucky that Lauren's friend has become my friend, too," Rhonda said.

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Here is the text of the proclamation:

"We are designating Dec. 16 as 'Army Family Team Building Day' to draw attention to the program's successful mission of improving family readiness throughout America's Army. Since 1994, Army Family Team Building has significantly contributed to the independence and self-reliance of our Army families. There is direct correlation between Army Family Team Building and its positive impact on soldier and family readiness. As the program moves into its fifth year, we encourage com-

mand teams, soldiers and family members to celebrate Army Family Team Building's success.

"While this milestone is an occasion for celebration, it is also a time for thoughtful reflection—to look back at the program's monumental accomplishments achieved in such a short period of time... and to look ahead to its promising future.

"Army Family Team Building is an established and integral part of America's Army and has embraced the needs of our Total Army Family. As operations tempo (OPTEMPO) has increased, the daily challenges Army families encounter have become even more complex. Army Family Team Building renews our hope in families helping families, volunteers empowering volunteers, focusing on the needs of all.

"Army Family Team Building is a success because of the women and

men who enthusiastically devote their time, their expertise, and share their experiences. From helping to understand the intricacies of a new military culture to being a key element in preparing for family readiness, the volunteers of Army Family Team Building are there to provide what is needed to strengthen America's Army. The absolute unparalleled dedication of Army Family Team Building volunteers has not gone unnoticed. They continue to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to duty, an ability to meet the high standards of the program, and a strong sense of family.

"We believe this program will continue to flourish as long as we have an Army. It will keep getting better and better. We recognize the important contributions of the Army Family Team Building program. Because of this, we

take this opportunity to proclaim this day, Dec. 16, as Army Family Team Building Day for all of America's Army. We strongly encourage everyone—command teams, soldiers, civilians, family members, retirees and loved ones of America's Army—to embrace and support Army Family Team Building.

"Please take time, each December, to recognize the special contributions of Army Family Team Building and to thank your Army Family Team Building volunteers and staff for their hard work, dedication and selfless service," the proclamation concludes.

Army aviators honored for service in the field

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—Retiring CWO 5 Richard G. Johnson has received the Order of Saint Michael (silver award), the second highest award given by the Army Aviation Association of America.

Johnson, a dual rated Master Aviator with 8,000 flight hours and nearly 1,900 combat flight hours, was honored for his meritorious service while serving in a variety of key positions in Army aviation. The award was presented by Col. Waldo Carmona, commander of the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate under the Aviation Research Development and Engineering Center, Aviation and Missile Command.

Carmona himself received the Order of Saint Michael (bronze award) from John Shipley, associate director of technology applications, Aviation RDEC.

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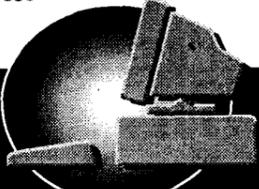
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Town Hall meeting...

Commanding general addresses AMCOM's future challenges

By Dan O'Boyle

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson closed out 1998 with a salute to the AMCOM work force and a challenge for 1999, during the Dec. 8 Town Hall meeting in the Sparkman Auditorium.

"Today, AMCOM continues the tradition of its great predecessor commands in providing technology, acquisition, logistics and calibration support to soldiers and civilians throughout the world using our rockets, guided missiles, helicopters and airplanes," Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "AMCOM is big business. Our budget, our contracts, and our payroll have a significant positive impact. We managed a \$3.2 billion budget. All major higher headquarters goals were met or exceeded in both AMCOM and the PEOs."

Gibson then went on to highlight accomplishments in the three Army Materiel Command (AMC) Core

Competency areas: Technology Generation and Application, Acquisition Excellence, and Logistics Power Projection.

In terms of the future, Gibson hit a familiar theme.

"Our future is one of challenge," he said. "We have many external factors influencing us— factors that are beyond our control. Nonetheless, we're doing our best to influence those factors, but we must manage change, or change will manage us."

Gibson, expanding on that theme, mentioned the Operational Control of the Corpus Christi and Letterkenny Army Depots and Prime Vendor Support (PVS).

"If the Army decides to outsource Apache sustainment, we must work to ensure no degradation of Apache readiness, to ensure no negative impact to the Army's operational units," he said. "The challenges I have highlighted are not insignificant events, therefore I need your ideas in order to sustain our increas-

ing mission responsibility as manpower and dollars are decreasing. You have the solutions to work smarter not harder. I say again, to work smarter. We must become more efficient to maintain our high standards of quality in the accomplishment of our Aviation and Missile missions.

"We are still focused on

becoming the leader in Aviation and Missile systems, united with Industry and other partners, to develop, acquire, and field superior systems for the battlefield— now and in the future."

LeRoy Daniels, acting director of Personnel and Training presented a Reshape Update, focusing on VERA/VSIP actions and

strategies being planned to balance the work force following the departure of 614 employees in January.

A number of questions were answered and then Gibson, again, stressed the need to focus not only what the command has accomplished, but also on what lies ahead.

"There is some tension about promotions, reshape and re-engineering," Gibson said. "But don't lose sight of the fact that, indeed, AMCOM has recorded a number of significant and outstanding accomplishments. We need to build on those advancements and give ourselves a round of applause."

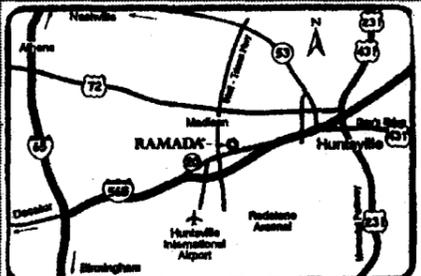
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Photo by Meloney Jones

Training conference...

Dr. Marguerite Archie-Hudson, president of Talladega College, serves as guest speaker for Blacks in Government's fifth annual Training Conference, Dec. 3 at the Huntsville Marriott.

Exercising option...

Javelin's first multiyear contract reaches maturity

The Javelin program has reached another milestone.

A modification was signed Dec. 1 for the third option year of Javelin's first multiyear procurement contract. This obligates \$376.6 million and completes total funding for this multiyear contract with Raytheon/Lockheed Martin Joint Venture.

A second multiyear procurement contract is planned for award in December 1999.

The third program year for the Javelin anti-tank weapon system includes 4,057 rounds, 451 command launch units, associated training hardware, and spares for Army and Marine Corps. Officials said award of this option year further distinguishes the Javelin program in that all quantities planned for procurement in May 1997 have been funded.

Javelin joint venture contractors include Raytheon, Lewisville, Texas, and Lockheed Martin Corporation, Orlando, Fla.

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SIGNING CEREMONY— Signing the option-year modification are, from left, seated Bill O'Keeffe, contracts manager with Javelin Joint Venture; Sara Kerry, procurement contracting officer in the Acquisition Center; Mark Burns, con-

tracts manager with Javelin Joint Venture; and standing Paul Gattis, chief of the acquisition management/production branch in Javelin Project Office; Knox, the project manager; and Gerald Smith, deputy project manager.

forget anti-tank weapon system began in June 1996 with the Ranger Regiment, 3rd of the 75th Rangers at Fort Benning, Ga. Fielding to the 82nd Airborne Division was recently complet-

ed eight months ahead of schedule without any additional cost impact. Every infantry unit in the Army and Reserves should be fielded by 2006.

Javelin Project Office is

under the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles. Col. Bill Knox, the project manager, was named the Army's Project Manager of the Year for fiscal 1997.




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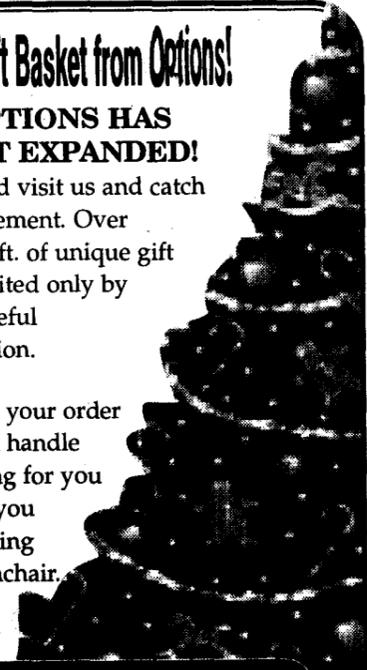
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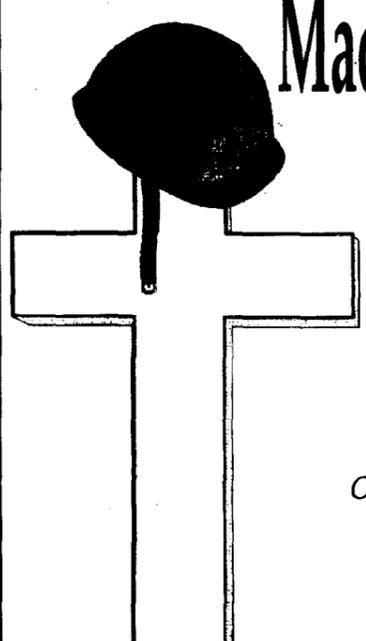
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- **Caring Tree**— The second annual Christmas Caring

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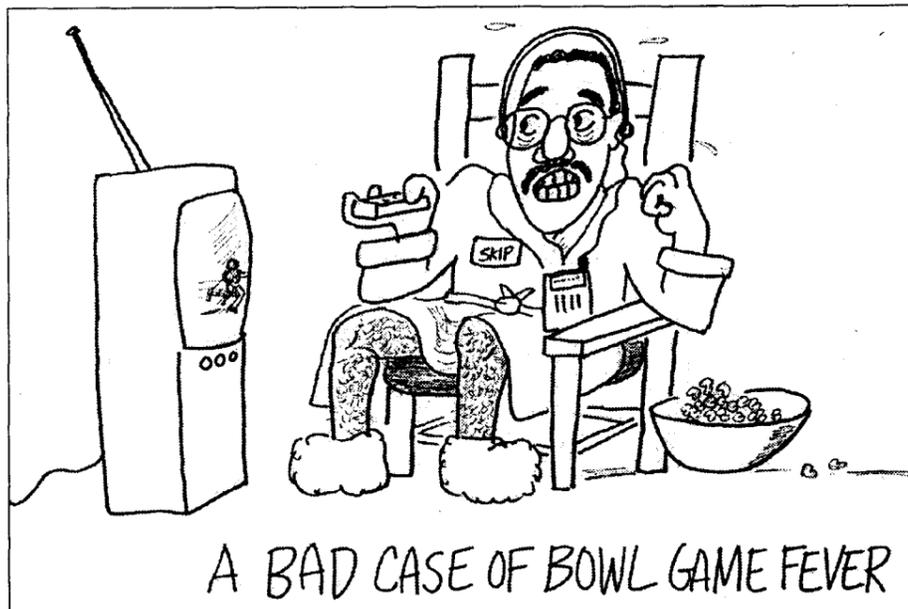
Going bowling...

Tennessee Volunteers picked to win Fiesta

By Skip Vaughn

Skip's Picks went 208-68 for 75 percent during the college football season. Here are my predictions for the bowl games:

- Las Vegas Bowl, Dec. 19— North Carolina (6-5) over San Diego State (7-4).
- Motor City Bowl, Dec. 23— Louisville (7-4) over Marshall (11-1).
- Aloha Bowl, Dec. 25— Colorado (7-4) over Oregon (8-3).
- Oahu Classic, Dec. 25— Air Force (11-1) over Washington (6-5).
- Heritage Bowl, Dec. 26— Bethune Cookman (8-2) over Southern University (8-3).
- Insight.Com Bowl, Dec. 26— West Virginia (8-3) over Missouri (7-4).
- Music City Bowl, Dec. 29— Alabama (7-4) over Virginia Tech (8-3).
- Micron PC, Dec. 29— Miami (8-3) over North Carolina State (7-4).
- Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29— Kansas State (11-1) over



- Purdue (8-3).
- Humanitarian Bowl, Dec. 30— Southern Miss (7-4) over Idaho (8-3).
- Holiday Bowl, Dec. 30— Nebraska (9-3) over Arizona (11-1).
- Sun Bowl, Dec. 31— USC (8-4) over TCU (6-5).
- Liberty Bowl, Dec. 31— Brigham Young (9-4) over Tulane (11-0).
- Peach Bowl, Dec. 31— Georgia (8-3) over Virginia (9-2).
- Independence Bowl, Dec. 31— Texas Tech (7-4) over Ole Miss (6-5).
- Outback Bowl, Jan. 1— Kentucky (7-4) over Penn State (8-3).
- Gator Bowl, Jan. 1— Notre Dame (9-2) over Georgia Tech (9-2).
- Citrus Bowl, Jan. 1— Arkansas (9-2) over Michigan (9-3).
- Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1— Mississippi State (8-4) over Texas (8-3).
- Rose Bowl, Jan. 1— UCLA (10-1) over Wisconsin (10-1).
- Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1— Ohio State (10-1) over Texas A&M (11-2).
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BOSNIA

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the NCO leaders who mold them," Byrnes said.

King's judgment during the confrontation with the Serbs "was outstanding," according to the 1st Cavalry Division commander.

"(King) knew precisely how to handle himself," Byrnes said. "This is what (being) an American soldier today is all about."

Word of King's conduct has reached senior Army leaders in the Pentagon.

"This is just the latest example of soldiers on the ground making a difference," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer said. "PFC King is a great representative of the high quality, disciplined young men and women we have in the Army today and a product of good training.

"Because of that training and his personal courage under duress, a potentially volatile situation ended favorably," he said.

King's conduct high-

lights all of the Army's seven values, but personifies one value in particular, according to Byrnes.

"Personal courage, that's exactly what PFC King demonstrated. He has got it, and we can count on him," Byrnes said. "I'm convinced you find behavior like King's in good, solid units across the Army; you can spot them, (they exude an) atmosphere of excellence.

"I think this type of behavior is becoming more and more the norm throughout the Army. (Having) soldiers like King ... equals power; having young, self-disciplined soldiers says great things about today's Army and the Army of the future," he said.

King was serving as a driver for Army Maj. David B. Miller on the day of the incident with the Serbs, according to Lt. Col. Stephen Kerrick, spokesperson for Multinational Division-North. King, Miller and an interpreter were visiting a Serb compound when the confrontation

occurred. The Serbs quit bothering the Americans after a few hours, and then accompanied them and the interpreter to a U.S. facility close by.

King and his division are part of the joint military commission charged with monitoring cooperation and compliance of peace accords made between previously warring factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kerrick said.

The 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas, is providing command and control for the U.S. military's Task Force Eagle, Kerrick said, which is part of multinational peacekeeping efforts in the Balkans.

(Arnews)

DOUBLE

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children. Their father died in 1976.

They grew up in the Big Cove area and graduated from Madison County High in May 1957. A photo caption in the June 7, 1957 issue of The Huntsville Times describes how the Birdsong twins joined the Army the previous day. As soldiers they worked in missile maintenance on the Nike Ajax, and then the Nike Hercules, system. They served together at Fort Story in Norfolk, Va., and left the Army in June 1960.

Each started his own construction business in Huntsville. Billy did bricklaying; and Bobby worked in heavy equipment. Billy began working at Redstone in 1967 in electronic equipment repair on the Hawk missile system. He worked until 1969 when he opted to leave during a reduction in force, and returned to the construction business. Billy went to work at Anniston Army Depot in 1971 and returned to Redstone in 1973.

Like his brother three years earlier, Bobby went to work at Anniston Army

Depot in 1974. He came to work at Redstone in 1977.

Bobby is leaving with 28 years of government service; and Billy with 32. Their careers, like their lives, have paralleled each other.

"And we're going to do the same thing when we retire: what we want to," Billy said.

Bobby's wife, Gail, is also retiring Jan. 1, from the Corps of Engineers. Married since 1961 they have a daughter, Pamela Speck, 36, and son, Brian, 34. They reside in the Big Cove area.

Billy and Shelia, his second wife, also reside in Huntsville. He has a son, Ricky, 37, by his first wife; two stepdaughters, Belendia Weaver, 33, and Lisa Smith, 31; and four grandchildren.

Bobby and Billy both enjoy restoring old cars— Billy has his own business in this field — and yard work. They plan to travel together to Daytona Beach, Fla., next Thanksgiving.

"To have a twin brother is fantastic," Bobby said. "There's always that closeness. He and I have the same hobbies and likes and dislikes. It's great."



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Youths sponsor annual Caring Tree at the Post Exchange

Star ornaments represent military children who need holiday gifts

By Sandy Riebeling

"Helping the little kids is pretty cool," said Eric Sullivan, 15, explaining his reason for helping with the Caring Tree placed at the Post Exchange by Youth Services teens. It is a sentiment echoed by several of the 12 teens working on the project this holiday season.

For the second year in a row, teens have put up a caring tree, decorated with stars representing children of soldiers here that need a little help making the holidays bright.

"The kids collected over 500 gifts last year," Russell Litz, Youth Services teen coordinator, said. "The kids went to customer service



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GIFT OF GIVING—Teen-agers decorate their Caring Tree at the PX with stars listing the ages and clothing sizes of Redstone children in need during the holidays.

twice a week to collect the packages. We store them here until they're picked up by the units."

According to Litz, the teens do most of the work for the project, which included buying an artificial tree and the trimmings

last year and paying for it with money earned by the teens through fund-raisers.

All the military units on the Arsenal are contacted and information collected for children in need. The teens do not have access to the names, only the age and

sizes of each child. Teen-agers make a numbered star ornament for each child, listing the information, and place them on the Caring Tree.

Shoppers are encouraged to pick out a star along with bag under the tree with the same number, buy and

wrap the gifts then bring the numbered bag of gifts back to customer service.

"Last year four of the stars weren't returned," Litz said. "The kids took money out of their teen fund and went and bought presents for those four kids. That was a really nice thing for them to do."

"The Caring Tree helps a lot of kids," Mandy Nau, 16, daughter of Sgt. Roy Fisher, said, while stringing garland around the tree. "We have a lot of fun, too."

While helping with the ornaments, Sam Maiola, 14, son of Sgt. Charles Jackson, said that he wanted to help because it was a nice thing to do. "I did it to do it," he said. "I wanted to do something positive."

"If it makes people happy," added Sullivan, son of CWO 4 Randy Sullivan, "why not?"

"The project builds self-esteem and makes the kids

feel like they're contributing to the community," Litz said. "Even though they're teen-agers, they care."

Michael Carter, son of Spec. Linda Bedard, said, "It's a worthwhile project—it helps people."

Gifts for the children of the Caring Tree must be wrapped and returned to the PX customer service desk by Dec. 23.

VIOLENCE

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suitcase with appropriate clothes for the victim and children, legal papers, birth certificates, insurance, proof-of-income, marriage license, medical papers, money and extra car keys.

She also advises victims to document violence with pictures, police reports and medical records and bring the documentation with them in case legal action is pursued.

"Huntsville is the only city in the United States that has this type of program," Pharris said. "Because it's

been so successful, people from other cities and states

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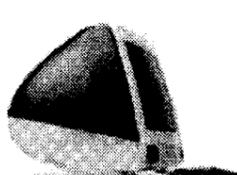
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AMCOM CFC awards included:

- Early Bird award— Security Assistance Management Directorate, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Public Affairs Office, JTAGS Product Office, Competition Management Office, Sparkman Management Office and Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office;
- Bronze award— Internal



MOMENT OF TRUTH— Marlene Cruze, director of the Acquisition Center, holds the pig while McCorkle, MRDEC director, awaits his opportunity to kiss the pig. The MRDEC lost the contest against IMMC and the Acquisition Center.

Review and Audit Compliance Office, and Corps SAM Project Office;

- Silver award— Inspector General Office, Sentinel, and Competition Management Office;

- Gold award— Intelligence and Security Directorate, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Legal Office, Public Affairs Office and JTAGS Product Office;

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Tree, sponsored by Youth Services, is in place at the Post Exchange. Take a star from the tree and buy for the needy military child on that star. For more information, call 876-2255.

- **Basketball tournament—** For information on the Youth Services' 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, call

876-2255.

- **Youth schedule—** Here's the Youth Services winter holiday schedule: Dec. 21— Make a Craft (\$2); basketball, dodgeball. Dec. 22— computer lab; "Make Christmas Cards"; pool tournament, soccer. Dec. 23— Christmas party; skating from 1-4 p.m. (\$3). Dec. 24-25— closed. Dec. 28— musical chairs; kick ball; computer lab. Dec.

29— volleyball; candy bar bingo; movies. Dec. 30— board games; movie day. Dec. 31— pizza party at "Ci Ci's Pizza" (\$5).... Youth Center holiday hours include: preteen, 12:30-6 p.m.; and teen, 12:30-9 p.m.

- **Babysitting class—** Child Development Services will offer a training class for teen-agers to become certified as teen-age babysitters Dec. 21-22

from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in building 113 in the basement. The cost is \$25 per person. The training sessions will consist of 4 1/2 hours of training for two days and will include safety procedures, parent and public relations, first aid techniques, child abuse, child development guidance techniques, and choosing toys for children. For more information, call 876-7801.

- **Holiday hours—** The Flying Activity will operate normal hours during the holiday period. Members have access to the facility 24 hours a day. The office will be manned all normal duty days.... Army Community Service will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.... The Challenger will be closed from Dec. 22 through Jan. 4.... The Recreation Center is open

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 23 through Jan. 3; closed on Monday and Tuesday; open Christmas and New Year's Day. The other community recreation facilities— including Arts and Crafts, Auto Crafts, Library, Outdoor Recreation, Pagano Gym, Fitness Center, Sparkman Fitness Center, Wellness Center, and Youth Services — are closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

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Happy holidays...



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It was an afternoon of Christmas carols and holiday cheer for the Bicentennial Chapel Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson,

commander of AMCOM and Redstone, got a little tree-lighting help from Kilian McGroary and Marcus Watkins to begin the festivities.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Santa arrived at the Chapel with sirens instead of bells thanks to the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department. Among the crowd of children, Santa stopped to say

hello to young Jordan Furburger, with her father, Sgt. Barry Furburger from the Provost Marshal Office.

Getting tougher...

Army's new physical fitness standards set for Feb. 1 start

By Connie Dickey and Gerry Gilmore

WASHINGTON— Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer approved implementation of the new APFT standards for Feb. 1, 1999. A message signed Dec. 7 by Director of Training Brig. Gen. James Lovelace informed commanders to proceed with the new PT standards.

The new standards were originally scheduled for Armywide implementation Oct. 1, but were delayed. Sgt. Maj. of the

Army Robert E. Hall said he believes soldiers will do well on the revamped PT test.

"The delayed implementation had nothing to do with whether or not soldiers [in the field] were ready [for the new test]," Hall said. "I expect scores to drop 4-6 points, but the bottom line is: the NCO Corps is ready for the new standards and has been all along."

Hall said one reason for the delay was because new PT scoring cards had not been printed and a larger reason was that Depart-

ment of the Army leadership had not received input from major commanders offering feedback on the new standards.

The new cards have been printed and shipped to distribution centers and should be ready for pickup by units now, said Maj. John A. Hughes with the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Plans, Institutional

Training Division. The cards have been sent to Army Reserve, state adjutant generals for the National Guard and to active-component installations both in the United States and overseas.

The current physical fitness standards

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LETTERS

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I wouldn't do it now, especially in Huntsville, because the risks far outweigh any benefits, health, environmental, or otherwise. When you consider that some drivers are grossly impolite, some have moved from California and brought their driving skills with them, and most of our commuter routes are near or beyond design capacity, it leads to a scary situation. Also, if a biker races a car through an amber light (squeezes the lemon, as they say) and the race ends in a tie, the biker automatically loses.

I concede that biking is commendable and all the other things that the writer mentions, but commuter biking in and around Huntsville is not safe, for either the biker or accompanying motorists. If more people considered it to be safe, there would be more people biking to work, not just two or three. Apparently, the vast majority feels there are plenty of neighborhood streets to accommodate this type of "exercise."

Each year, thousands of motorists are killed while merely defending their portion of the right-of-way. We don't need additional factors to make commuting any more hazardous than it already is.

Dave Bryant

Support group

Recently, I set out to see if there was any interest in forming a St. Louis Support Group for the spouses of the ATCOM employees that relocated here last summer. Because of the complicated and numerous e-mail systems at Redstone, it was impossible to get the message out to all of the departments and offices. However, I did receive several responses to my original e-mail. I was pleasantly surprised to find only one negative response. The other responses were quite supportive of the idea and the respondents were most interested in pursuing the idea of the support group. It seemed that each individual had their own story to tell, but one theme that seemed to be prevalent in each response was the need to find others who shared their feelings and who also had ties to the city they were forced to leave.

I constantly hear about one person or another whose spouse is having problems adjusting. But the logistics of getting everybody's name and location is very difficult and with the e-mail problems at Redstone, I decided to try the next best thing—the news media.

If you would be interested in forming a support group please contact me at jptgaffney@msn.com. The idea is to meet and help each other. It is not a "pity party." If there is enough interest, we could have meetings with speakers on topics like relocation stress, family adjustments, things to do in the Huntsville area, etc. The group could be a springboard for new friendships, or a place to share your feelings, or just a chance to get out of the house. You can make it whatever you want or feel you need.

In one of the e-mails I received, a kind gentleman told me that a lot of people in the Huntsville area do not feel any sympathy for the St. Louisians. Why? Because, as he pointed out, a large percentage of the population is military, ex-military or retired military. And they have spent a great deal of their lives moving from post to post never having the luxury of calling any one place home. However, he was quick to say that he wished he would have had some type of support group when he and his family were transferred here several years ago. I fully agree with his analysis. But the one big difference is that being in the military the person knew before they enlisted that they would be moving around and that's a choice they made. And as military personnel they are provided with relocation services,

employment services for their spouse, counseling services, etc. The people from St. Louis never really had a choice. It was relocate or have no job or in many cases no retirement. There were no transition services offered. So the situations are not really the same, and yet they are. The relocation of people and families is always a stressful situation, no matter what the reason.

Phyllis Gaffney

Mixed emotions

An open letter to AMCOM....

Well my friends, they up and did it. I have received a letter confirming acceptance and approval of my retirement application. Jan. 2 will be my last day.

It is hard to realize that so soon the pattern of my life is going to change so drastically I can hardly imagine it. Though that's not for lack of trying.

While its true the grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence, I have a firm belief that for me this is really so. Oh yes, for me there will be a reduction in income, and a serious one considering the penalty for early retirement. And that will take some equally serious adjusting to I'm sure. But for almost 25 years, most of my waking hours have been spent in the service of others, either Uncle Sam or my family. Now my children are of college age, and I've come to feel I've given enough of my life to Uncle Sam. Perhaps it's time to be a little selfish. I look forward to being able to commit great blocks of time to those things I love the most, next to my family and my country—my writing and the arts.

I will also have the time I think, to best pursue a lifestyle which may best aid in the resolution of my health problems.

I feel like a kid in elementary school waiting for that last bell before summer vacation. Full of giddy anticipation. What wonders does this summer hold for me?

I was one of those young men who volunteered and came of age on the battlefields of Vietnam, so many years ago. And when that conflict was over, though I left the active military service, I continued in the service of our country. I joined your ranks and became a civil servant. I have never regretted either choice.

Now this chapter too, draws to a close, and in looking back on each, I find I am equally proud of both. And thanks to both, I feel I have come to know a little bit about what freedom is, and what it costs—and what the word honor means.

In all these years, I have seen no less an amount of bravery or dedication from those in civil service, than that which I saw so freely given by those with whom I stood

shoulder to shoulder as we faced the flames of war. And ever did the actions of each, honored the other. As I leave, I carry with pride, the memories of those actions and the faces of those who carried them out, both of those with whom I held a rifle, and of those whose desks sat next to mine. And after I have gone, I will rest easier knowing that the tradition of honor I have witnessed yet remains.

I know my years of service are small compared to some, and I appreciate the greater service accomplishments of others with a deep respect. If there are any regrets at all about my retirement, it is that I could not have given in equal measure to the full extent as some have and are doing, but health issues have narrowed my life and my choices. I have come to feel that I must carefully harbor what energies remain of my life, and do what best I can to restore them. This seems to necessitate my leaving. Were it not for this, I doubt I would have ever pursued an early retirement.

I seek nothing to mark my passing. No lunches or party. No plaque or signed poster. I only request to be allowed to quietly slip into obscurity, and into peace. There need be no final drum roll, or playing of taps. No ceremony to mark the moment. No gold watch.

I know what I have done.

The world changes. AMCOM changes. I am content now to leave the battle to those who continue to change with it. I am confident the banner of freedom will be actively carried onward with pride and with honor without my direct help. But I will be cheering from the sidelines. There are so many good hearts and strong hands already holding that flag and moving it forward. I have already tried to see it down the road so many miles. I am tired.

Now change takes me down different paths. I think am ready.

It seems too trite and obvious to say I come to this point in my life with mixed emotions. It is true regardless. But I am at heart an optimist, and can only believe that all change holds the potential for good. So I go to seek what good retirement may bring, and hope to find a fulfillment

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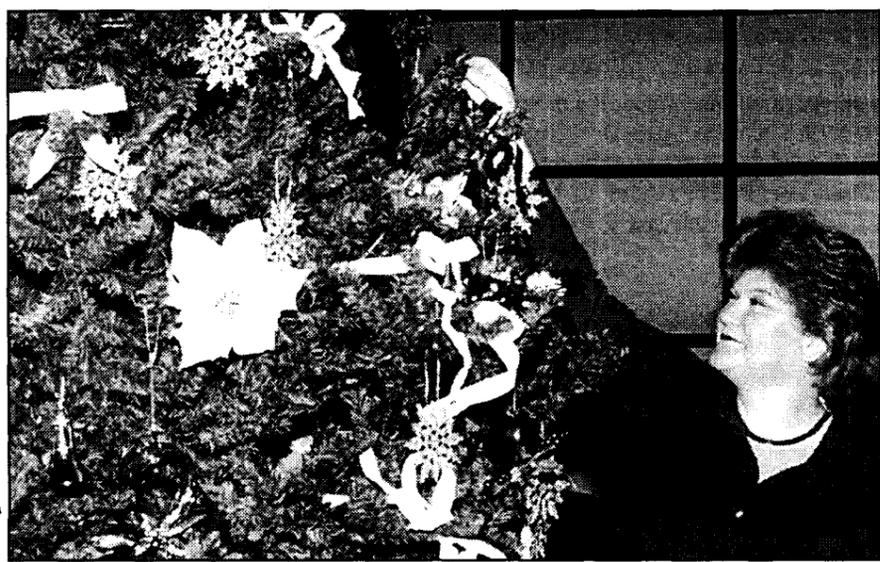


Photo by Skip Vaughn

Sparkman tree...

Angie Foutch, security assistant in the Sparkman Management Office, hangs an ornament on the Christmas tree which her office put in the lobby at Sparkman Center building 5300.

FITNESS

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have been in effect since the 1980s. The test used now was developed and adopted in 1984. In 1992, Training and Doctrine Command began reviewing the Army Physical Fitness Test to see if it was valid for the Army.

"This is the result of a five-year study," said Col. Stephen Cellucci, commandant of the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School at Fort Benning, Ga. The old test standards didn't enable men and women to be evaluated fairly, Cellucci said. The new standards address this issue, he said, as they were

derived through scientific methods.

"The new standards are, overall, tougher for both men and women; we had to establish equity for men and women of all age groups," Cellucci said. "Now, you have equal points for equal effort."

The new PT test adds three additional age groups: 52-56; 57-61; and 62 plus, Cellucci said. The previous test's most senior category was age 51, which, he said, raised unrealistic fitness expectations for older soldiers.

Career Army officers and noncommissioned officers, Cellucci said, are scoring well beyond the Army

average PT score.

The average scores for the new PT test "should be around 238," Cellucci said, which is close to today's average. Starting Feb. 1, soldiers who want to earn a fitness badge will need to score 270 total points— 90 per event— instead of the 290 points now required. Cellucci said that 90 points per event should be equal to an "A" or excellence.

Soldiers who wish to keep their fitness badges will need to revalidate them at each PT test, Cellucci said.

"Today's soldiers are in the best shape, ever," he said. (Arnews)

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of a different kind than that which I have enjoyed here working with all of you these many years. I am not going home to sit on the porch to wait for death. I am too young for that. I believe the best is yet to come, for all of us. It is a bittersweet thing none the less. It is like a small death. And it is a feeling best reflected by the last page of Thomas Wolfe's book, "You Can't Go Home Again," when he writes:

"Dear Fox, old friend, thus we have come to the end of the road that we were to go together. My tale is finished — and so farewell. But before I go, I have just one

more thing to tell you: Something has spoken to me in the night, burning the tapers of the waning year; something has spoken in the night, and told me I shall die, I know not where. Saying: 'To lose the earth you know, for a greater knowing; to lose the life you have, for a greater life; to leave the friends you loved, for a greater loving; to find a land more kind than home, more large than earth.... Whereon the pillars of this earth are founded, toward which the conscience of the world is tending—a wind is rising, and the rivers flow.'"

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Health Matters

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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.

Health center

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours this Friday. All clinics and offices will close at 1 p.m. The Pharmacy will close at 3 p.m. A physician will be available for same-day urgent appointments from 2-8 p.m. For appointments call the Triage Advice Nurse at 955-8888. Advice nurses are available 24 hours a day, year round.

Smoking cessation

Do you have your New Year's resolutions made already? Is tobacco cessation includ-

ed in your list? Fox Army Health Center's Public Health and Education Center will offer another round of tobacco cessation classes starting Jan. 5. Two sessions will be offered, 11-noon and 5-6 p.m., and continue for 10 sessions over two and a half months. These classes will be held at Fox Army Health Center in the Skylight Conference Room. "For military eligible beneficiaries, we will be offering the 'pill' (Zyban) for use," a prepared release said. "Recent research has shown this to be highly effective in helping reduce the craving for nicotine. When used with education and group support, the success rate is close to 50 percent." These classes are free and open to all military (active duty and retired), their beneficiaries and Civil Service workers. To register, call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0196. For more information, call Eileen Bailey 842-0149. Space is limited.

Holiday hours

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday

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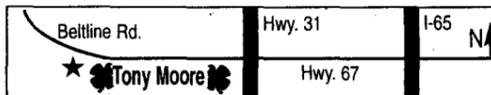
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hours Dec. 25 and 28 and Jan. 1 and 4. All clinics and Pharmacy will be closed, with the exception of the Evening Weekend Clinic. Evening Weekend Clinic hours are 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays by appointment only. To schedule same-day urgent appointments call the Triage Advice Nurse, 24 hours a day, at 955-8888.

Miscellaneous

AER scholarships

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund, administered by Army Emergency Relief, is a secondary mission to help Army families with the costs of undergraduate level education, post-secondary vocational training, and preparation for acceptance by service academies for their dependent children. Scholarship applications are available at Army Community Service, building 3491, or may be printed from AER Headquarters' web site www.aerhq.org through March 1, 1999. The completed application with supporting documents must be mailed to AER Hq and postmarked by March 1, 1999. Applicants must be unmarried dependent children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of soldiers on active duty, retired, or deceased while on active duty or after retirement. They must be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents under age 22 on June 1 preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is

requested. All eligible persons are encouraged to apply. For more information call Juanita Adams, AER officer, 876-5468.

Apprentice program

Applications are available for the 1999 Science and Engineering Apprentice Program and College Apprentice Program. The distribution point of contact for applications is the senior counselor at all public, private and parochial high schools. Possible career placement areas at the Aviation and Missile Command include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) is for students who have demonstrated aptitude interest in science and engineering courses and careers. Eligible students must be U.S. citizens who are at least 15 by the start of the program, June 15. The College Apprentice Program (CAP) is for undergraduate students who have completed the SEAP and are enrolled in a scientific or technical major. Other criteria are stated on the applications. Both programs are fast paced and require discipline and professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers serve as mentors who guide students through an interactive research project. If your child is unsuccessful in getting an application from the senior counselor, applications are available from the management employee relations and training branch, building 5303, Betty Duke 313-4790 or Jerrel McCollum 842-8850.

Commissary hours

The Commissary will have the following

holiday operating hours through Dec. 31: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 16-18; 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.

Weather closures

Northern Alabama is approaching the time of year when inclement weather may cause a closure or delay in the opening of Redstone Arsenal. The following television and radio stations will be contacted and asked to make announcements if such an event occurs: Arab—WRAB, 1380 AM; Athens—WZYP, 104.3 FM; Decatur—WDRM, 102 FM; Guntersville—WGSV, 1270 AM; Huntsville—WAHR, 99.1 FM; WDRM, 102 FM; WJAB, 90.9 FM; WLRH, 89.3 FM; WNDA, 95.1 FM; WRSA, 97 FM; WTKI, 1450 AM; WHNT-TV (Channel 19); WAAY-TV (Channel 31); WAFF-TV (Channel 48); Scottsboro—WWIC, 1050 AM and Fayetteville, Tenn.—WEKR, 1240 AM. Remember, if you do not hear an announcement, assume the installation is open and report to work.

Thrift savings

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season continues until Jan. 31. During open season, employees can begin to contribute, increase/decrease the amount of employee contributions, and/or change their future fund allocations. Election forms and pamphlets have been distributed to the primary organizational elements and are available

through the employee's administrative office. An employee wishing to make a change should send their TSP-1 Form directly to: South Central-Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Attn: SFCP-SC-S, Sparkman Complex, building 5304, Redstone Arsenal 35898-6222. All mailed forms must be postmarked by Feb. 1. Forms may be handcarried to the SC-CPOC mailroom, building 5304, room 4266. Questions concerning TSP should be directed to the employee's servicing personnel list in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Visit the Thrift Savings website at www.tsp.gov for additional TSP information.

Retiree speakers

Did you know that every month, AMCOM receives dozens of requests for guest speakers from schools, clubs and other groups? There is a strong demand for AMCOM speakers in the local area. Unfortunately, the Speakers Bureau Program is often unable to accommodate all requests that are received. There are not enough speakers available to fill all of them! Therefore, we are recruiting help from retirees who would like to join our team and talk about their hobbies, activities or interests. For more information call Margaret Banish-Donaldson, Public Affairs Office, 842-0558.

Merit awards

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Award you are applying for (i.e. high school, college, or spouse) on all requests.

Self-help center

Due to the holidays the Self-Help Center, building 3500, will be closed the following days: Dec. 19, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Greeting cards

The AMCOM Public Affairs Office is collecting old greeting cards for children in orphanages to be used in their art classes. Just tear off the front of your old cards and send them to AMSAM-PA, building 5300, room 5143. For more information, call Margaret Banish-Donaldson 842-0558.

Thrift shop job

Applications are available at the Thrift Shop for the position of manager. Yearly salary is \$12,180. Requirements include knowledge in retail sales, computer skills (Windows 95 and Microsoft Office 97), interfacing with volunteer and paid staff. Application deadline is Jan. 6; and the job begins Jan. 18. For more information, call the assistant manager 881-6992.

Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees, are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area northeast of the Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) Area which is located across the road from the Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity. Trees shall not be cut for commercial, or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited to the single pasture trail along the east side of the open pastureland. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside of the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should be cut from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by Dec. 24. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For more information and location map, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

Dec. 6-19 will open at 7 a.m. Dec. 17 and close at noon Dec. 21; no exception. The window of certification is being closed early because DFAS is accelerating the pay processing one day. Christmas Eve falls on Thursday this year, which is one of the normal pay close-out days. This will allow the customer service representatives to receive the reports early, make corrections, and input missing Time and Attendance cards in a timely manner. Timekeepers are encouraged to post daily; especially during the holiday season when a lot of leave is taken, the response time is better. This would leave minimum postings during the certification window. For more information, call Vanessa Williams 876-8078 or Debra Boyer 876-7104.

Catholic community

A Mass will be held today at 6 p.m. followed by a soup supper at 6:30 at Bicentennial Chapel. A Penitential Service will be held Friday at 7 p.m.

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<p>'88 BMW 528 E 4 Door, Automatic, Sunroof, All Power Options Including Dual Power Seat. Local Trade In. Clean & Priced To Sell!</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">\$5,995</p>		<p>'92 FORD PROBE LX V6, Automatic, All Power Features, Great Christmas Gift For The Great Kid!</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">\$4,995</p>	

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will be held at 5:45 a.m. Friday at the Fitness Center. Wear civilian attire. For information call Sgt. Dubose 876-2625.... HHC AMCOM will have its annual Christmas party at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Recreation Center, building 3711. All HHC AMCOM personnel and their families are invited. For more information, call SSgt. Steven Greenwell 313-1544.

PX news

Post Exchange facilities will operate with the following holiday hours: Dec. 24— Main Store, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; One Stop, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; MCSS, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Service Station, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Concessions, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Food Court, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Burger King, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.... Dec. 25— One Stop, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; all other facilities will be closed.... Dec. 26— Main Store, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; One Stop, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; MCSS, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Service Station, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Concessions, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Food Court, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Burger King, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.... Dec. 31— Main Store, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; One Stop, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; MCSS, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service Station, 7 a.m. to 6

p.m.; Concessions, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Food Court, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Burger King, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.... Jan. 1— Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; One Stop, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; MCSS, closed; Service Station, closed; Concessions, closed; Food Court, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Burger King, closed.

Dance tickets

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling tickets to Spirit of the Dance, scheduled 7 p.m. Jan. 17 at Von Braun Center, for \$32.50. Monies are due by Jan 4 with checks made payable to VBC. For more information, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-1698.

Book fairs

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council will hold a book fair today at building 5400 and Thursday at building 4488.

Habitat for humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Madison County will build 12 houses in 1999. Plan now to be a part of the fun and enjoy the sense of accomplishment in being a positive shaper of our community. There are also three construction projects, started in 1998, still in progress. To volunteer and learn more about Habitat, call 533-2282.

Business women

The American Business Women's Association will have its annual Christmas party at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Huntsville Hilton. For more information, call Marie Williams 533-2611.

Bosnia addresses

Donations of school supplies can be sent to Lt. Col. Bob Brown (Camp Dobol), Commander 2-5 CAV, Attn: Lt. Col. Littel's School Program, Operation Joint Forge, APO AE 09789. In addition, anyone wishing to send Christmas/holiday greetings to soldiers in Brown's command can send those to: Holiday Greeting for any servicemember, Lt. Col. Bob Brown (Camp Dobol), at the same address.... The following addresses, published by the Dear Abby newspaper column, are effective until Jan. 15: For Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine land forces in Bosnia, send greetings to America Remembers, Operation Dear Abby XIV, APO AE 09397-0001. For Navy and Marine Corps personnel aboard ship, the address is America Remembers, Operation Dear Abby XIV, FPO AE 09398-0001.

Genealogical society

The Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will hold its monthly meeting at

7 p.m. Dec. 21 in the auditorium of the Huntsville-Madison County Main Library. Visitors are welcome. The program will be election of officers and the annual Christmas party. Members should bring finger food. Drinks will be provided. For more information, call 881-6670.

Lost earring

A gold and diamond earring was lost Dec. 8 in the Post Exchange or Commissary. Reward offered. Call 881-6237.

Drill sergeants

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold a competition Feb. 4 to select a drill sergeant to represent Redstone at Fort Monroe, Va., in the fiscal 1999 Drill Sergeant of the Year competition. This is the first stage in sending a winner to the final competition at the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe. A luncheon will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 10 to honor Redstone's representative. For more information, call MSgt. Battle 955-6555 or CSM Rogers 876-6608.

Bonus bucks

"Bonus Bucks" are back at the Post Exchange to give customers an instant divi-

dend. These Bonus Bucks come in \$1 and \$5 denominations. For each retail purchase of \$25, a Bonus Buck will be issued. Bonus Bucks expire Dec. 31. They cannot be applied to Layaway transactions, alcohol or gasoline.

Video visits

The Video Teleconference facility is again participating in Christmas visits. These visits are being held Dec. 14-31. They are open to DoD personnel and family members. Each visit will be 30 minutes long. Only continental U.S. locations are available at this time. For reservations and site location information, call 876-7670.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30 at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Frank Hyatt 876-4160.

Learning center

The North Army Learning Center and MOS Library will be closed for inventory Friday through Jan. 4. Operations will resume at 8 a.m. Jan. 5. For more information, call the education service officer 876-9761.

Classifieds

Federal law makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion or national origin. The Redstone Rocket will not knowingly accept advertising that is in violation of the law, and readers and advertisers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this paper are available on an equal opportunity basis. According to the Inspector General, the use of office phone numbers in classified advertising is contrary to regulation. Please submit home phone numbers only.

Autos/Trucks

- '95 NISSAN Altima GXE. Loaded, 44K mi., exc. cond., one owner, CD/tape, moonroof. Asking \$11,250. 722-5202.
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- '93 CHEVY G20 Customized Van. Fully loaded with TV & VCR, great cond., 98K mi. \$7,800. 859-9635.
- '93 PONTIAC Bonneville SE. Red, loaded, 118K mi., \$4,850.
- '93 FORD T-Bird LX. Black/gray, loaded, 73K mi., \$6,850. (256) 778-9325.
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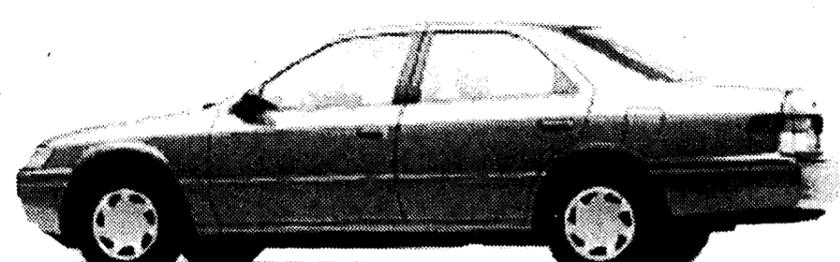
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'89 CHEVY Cavalier. Low rider, custom interior, hydraulics, roadster wheels. \$2,500. 828-4097.

'89 FORD Bronco II XL. 4WD, PW, PL, AC, red/silver, cruise, tilt steer, \$5,500 OBO. 883-5792.

'89 MERCURY Cougar LS. Loaded, PW, PL, sunroof, power seats, cruise, new AC compressor converted to R134 Freon. \$2,800 OBO. 828-7479.

'89 NISSAN Stanza. 177K mi., \$1,800 OBO. '97 Viking Camper, used only 3 times, \$2,800 OBO. (931) 433-6065.

'88 MITSUBISHI Mirage. 4 dr., 134K mi., regular maintenance, good running cond., \$2,000 OBO. 430-1069.

'87 PLYMOUTH Caravelle. Well maintained, 1 owner, good running car, new tires, 95K mi. \$1,590. 883-2022.

'86 CHEVY Celebrity Wagon. New tires, alignment, exhaust, brakes, cold AC, runs great. \$800 OBO. 885-9761.

'86 FORD Bronco. 4x4. \$2,000 OBO. (256) 732-4321.

'85 CHEVY Blazer Tahoe. Auto, phone, AC, power, \$1,500. '94 NISSAN Altima GXE. Auto, power, cruise, \$7,000. 859-8805.

'69 FORD Bronco. 4x4, good cond., \$3,995 OBO. Antique diamond ring, .60 center with 14 diamonds, platinum, \$1,400 OBO. 461-0786.

'68 FORD Mustang. Red, rebuilt trans., high performance 302, 4 BBL, duals, new tires, rims, new paint/interior. \$8,000 Firm. (205) 773-3697.

'65 CHEVY Pick-Up. Step side, SWB straight 6, new tires & battery, runs good. \$1,800. 534-3352.

Boats & RVs



Bayliner 2450 Ciera Sun-bridge Cruiser. 1987, 25 ft., 5.0 OMC, exc. shape, depthfinder, trim tabs, shore power, radio, all options. \$13,000. 852-5099.

'89 Catalina 25 Sailboat. 150 genoa w/roller furl, bimini, OB, head, microwave, exc. cond., freshwater only, \$11,000. 883-4118.

X'Mas Gift. Reconditioned 14' boat, 40 HP motor and trailer, new carpet, tires and wheels. \$15,000. 776-0665.

Miscellaneous



2 Year Old Black Iron Bunk Bed, exc. cond., bottom bunk futon, top bunk twin - never used. Firm \$200. 858-8583.

30" Drop In Stove. Good shape, almond in color, hood also, \$100. 859-9544.

'74 Kawasaki 175 F7-C Street/Trail, looks new, metal fenders, chrome ACC, 5,400 mi., ridden 5 yrs. \$1,200 883-9337.

'89 Honda 250X Fourwheeler. Rebuilt engine and carrier, extra wheels and tires, ready for Christmas. \$2,250. 931-5032.

All God's Children Figurines and Hallmark Christmas Ornaments, "good prices". 852-9361 or 895-3866.

Blackpowder Mag Wheels CVA, 50 cal. Flintlock rifle, \$150. 4 Mag Wheels, 15x10 in., 5 lug, \$350. 350-1954.

Buckstove Fireplace Insert. \$450 OBO. 535-5184, lv. msg. Pager, 721-1808, lv. msg.

Callaway Warbird 12 degree driver, RCH96, R Flex w/headcover, \$75. Cleveland wedges, 588 SW and Gap W, both exc. cond. 880-0412, lv. msg.

Computer Monitor. AST, 14" SVGA, exc. cond., \$55. 881-6326.

Couch & Chair, gold, \$100. Swivel chair with arms, green, \$20. Cash. 534-8537.

Harley-Davidson '84 1000cc Sportster Custom. Pearl paint, drag bars, harness, kingtank, battery, tires, more. (www.hsv.tis.net/~majhard/HD.JPG) \$5,500. 705-1230; recorded info., 772-1710.

HP Computer. 300 MHz, 4GBHD, 56K modem, 24X CD, multi-media sound, lots of software, \$850. 851-7051, Alain.

HP Deskjet 400 Printer, \$75. RCA 3 CD bookshelf system, \$50. 430-1069.

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Longaberger Baskets: '97 Shades Of Autumn w/lid, \$80; '95 All-American Carry Along, \$50; '95 Evergreen, \$140. 851-0622.

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NordicTrack Leg Shaper Plus, exc. aerobic exercise while toning legs & building endurance, hardly used, \$225. 883-6951.

Pair 3-Way 130 W Kenwood Speakers, \$75. Old brass bed, full size, nice cond., \$150 OBO. 881-1030, days.

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Plantable Christmas Trees. Norway Spruce, White Pine & Blue Spruce. Poinsettias, \$2.99 & Up. Jimmy's Greenhouse, 1-800-257-4782 or 233-0247.

Serta Perfect Sleeper. Boxspring and mattress, like new, 3 yrs. old, queen sz. \$400 OBO. 883-6141.

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