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## Drivers of British sports cars take to the road for special week

Hobbyists' classic renovated vehicles would likely make James Bond proud

By Skip Vaughn

Class plus. The type car James Bond would drive.

Five shiny British cars pulled up in the Sparkman Center parking lot last week for a photo shoot. They couldn't help but draw attention from passers-by.

The gathering was intended to publicize the third annual "Drive Your British Car Week," May 24-30. These five Redstone workers will be among the participants from the North Alabama British Motoring Society, a club of more than 50 members.

They included Lou Nosenzo, of Marshall Space Flight Center, and his 1971 Jaguar SJ6; Kevin Shorter, of Command Analysis Directorate, and his 1967 Austin Healey 3000; Bob Hardison, of Computer Sciences Corporation, and his 1969 Jaguar XKE; Joe Stegmaier, of Space and Missile Defense Command, and his 1959 Triumph TR-3; and Chance Rosic, of NCCIM (contractor for Javelin Project Office), and his 1979 XJ6L Jaguar.

Four of these five hobbyists had restored their cars. Hardison had bought his already-restored vehicle in January via E-Bay, an Internet auction.

"I never laid an eye on it till they rolled it off the truck," Hardison said.

"The North Alabama British Motoring Society is a club of 50-plus members spread across Madison, Limestone and Morgan counties," Rosic said in a letter about the upcoming observance. "Our only purpose is to share the joy of restoring and driving British sports cars. We plan to have as many of our little British cars as possible in running order for Drive Your British Car Week, and to drive them everywhere, every day that week. Not only will we have fun, but others will be inspired to restore that MG or Bug-eye Sprite that has been sitting in the corner of their garage



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SPORTY LINE**— From left are Lou Nosenzo and his 1971 Jaguar SJ6, Kevin Shorter and his 1967 Austin Healey 3000, Bob Hardison and his 1969 Jaguar XKE, Joe Stegmaier and his 1959 Triumph TR-3, and Chance Rosic and his 1979 XJ6L Jaguar.

for the last 15 years, and even more will have the fun of seeing a glimpse of their past drive by."

The group's planned activities include its annual Father's Day Weekend Car Show in Decatur.

"Each year we have the honor of showing our British cars off to the public at the Colonial Mall in Decatur. This year it falls on the weekend of June 18th through the 20th," Rosic said. "We will have 35 to 40 cars displayed and they will include these five vehicles, along with other British badges. MGA, MGB, MG Midget, MGTD, MGB-GT, TR3, TR6, TR7, TR8, Spitfire, Jensen Interceptor, XJ6, XKE, XK140, AH Bugeye Sprite, AH 100-6, AH 3000 and a Wolseley are some of the types of cars that will be appearing."

## Preparations begin for tightened security in June

Redstone Arsenal is bolstering its guard force in preparation for the increased security measures which begin June 1.

Twelve new temporaries are being hired, according to

MSgt. Robert Furia, the senior operations sergeant at Provost Marshal Office.

"Those will be the ones specifically hired because of the increase in security. They are temporaries though," he said.

The measures to be implemented include: closing Gate 2 on Buxton Road at Memorial Parkway South; assigning a security guard for each lane of traffic at gates 1, 3, 4, 7 and 9; closing to traffic all unmanned lanes; checking all entering vehicles for current decals; and strictly enforcing the 25-mph speed limit.

All gates will remain open as follows:

- Gate 1— Martin Road east (5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays)
- Gate 3— Redstone Road (5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday)
- Gate 4— Patton Road north of Neal Road (manned 24 hours per day)
- Gate 7— Martin Road west (6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday)
- Gate 8— Goss Road east (open 24 hours, manned 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.)
- Gate 9— Rideout Road (manned 24 hours per day, access gate from I-565 and Rideout Road closes at 10 p.m.)
- Gate 10— Patton Road (5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days per week, unmanned)

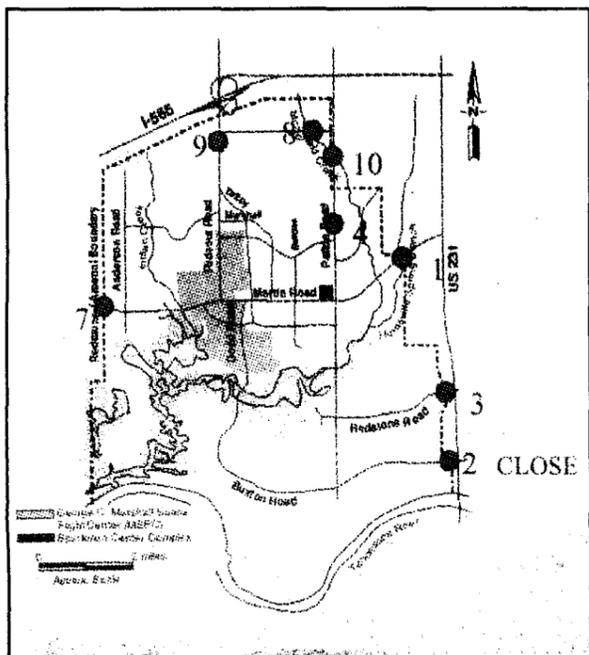


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## Rain and shine...

Pat Stevenson joins her ATACMS/BAT co-workers in washing a freight rig during their car wash and cookout fund-raiser Thursday for Army Emergency Relief. "Somebody just drove it up here," Maurice Cowan said while helping wash the rig during a light rain.

Redstone Arsenal employees and contractors are encouraged to ensure that their vehicle decals are current. Vehicle decals may be renewed any time during regular business hours in the month of expiration.

Visitors needing a Redstone Arsenal pass should stay in the left lane and notify the gate guard that they need a visitor pass. Visitors must have a current driver's license, vehicle state registration and their destination on the Arsenal readily available. Visitors without this documented information will not be allowed to enter the installation.

"These changes have been contemplated for some time and will give the installation a level of security commensurate with the missions performed here," Maj. James Smith, provost marshal, said.



## Letters To The Editor

### Gate 2 closure

What is the basis for the closure of Gate 2 (Buxton Road) on June 1? Were there any traffic flow surveys conducted to identify which gate(s) have the least traffic flow rate (vehicles/hour)? Has anyone determined the impact of traffic flow on Memorial Parkway?

With the closure of Gate 2, all the traffic that utilizes Gate 2 will be required to use Gate 3. The northbound left turn lane on Memorial Parkway for Gate 3 will not be sufficient to handle the amount of traffic that will be turning left in the mornings. Additionally, with the road work on Memorial Parkway, the additional traffic at Memorial Parkway at Gate 3 will greatly congest the traffic situation.

Has the city of Huntsville been contacted regarding the closing of Gate 2? Huntsville city will need to get prepared for this traffic change.

To date, I have not been able to get pertinent information regarding the closing of Gate 2 other than there is a manpower shortage and Gate 2 is the unlucky choice for closure. No specific information such as least traffic flow, etc. has been given.

The south end of Redstone Arsenal does not have the population density as other areas of Redstone Arsenal due to it being primarily test areas which is not compatible for large concentrations of people. However, Gate 2 is utilized by a large number of personnel at Redstone. Most, if not all, the work force that lives south of the river utilizes Gate 2 and a large number of workers that live in south Huntsville utilize Gate 2 to access Redstone Arsenal and to bypass the traffic on Memorial Parkway. Detailed assessments of the impact to the traffic flow of Redstone Arsenal and to south Huntsville need to be accomplished before any one gate is closed. This assessment also needs to be done in order to identify what preparations need to be accomplished in order to accommodate the change in traffic patterns.

**Jeff Craven**  
E3 Test Branch,  
Redstone Technical Test Center

Gate 2 on Redstone Arsenal is to be closed again. This time the reason given is security. Approximately 10 years ago the reason given was economics. A few weeks ago, the Rocket ran an article stating that there would be increased security on Redstone

Arsenal and that new guards were to be hired and when their training was completed, the security would be stepped up. From an employee standpoint this is completely acceptable. What is not acceptable is the increased hazard closing Gate 2 poses for employees entering Redstone Arsenal from the south.

South Memorial Parkway has two turn lanes on the northbound side of the parkway for entering both the SCI plant and Gate 2. These turn lanes accommodate approximately 20 or more cars and with a turn arrow to allow a safe turn to enter the Arsenal with approximately one-half mile of three lane road to merge into one lane. There is no impediment of northbound traffic because these two turn lanes can handle the traffic load. Gate 3 entrance from the South Memorial Parkway has a single turn lane that will accommodate 6 to 7 cars that when full will halt northbound traffic in the left lane of the parkway. When Gate 2 was closed before, I witnessed two near misses of being rear-ended in three days. There is not enough room for the Gate 3 entrance to handle all the traffic currently using Gate 2.

Exiting the Arsenal from Gate 2 is accomplished with aid of a traffic signal and a merge lane that is nearly a half-mile long. Gate 3 has a traffic signal but the merge lane is only 100 feet or so. Also, the turn lane south from the Gate 3 exit road will be impeded even further once the new business that is being constructed on the south side of the road opens.

From a safety viewpoint, it is obvious that entering/exiting the Arsenal at Gate 2 is much safer at peak traffic time than Gate 3 because of the capacity/design of the roadway entering/exiting Gate 2. From a security viewpoint, Gate 2 has one lane each direction, while Gate 3 has two lanes each direction. It would appear easier to guard a one-lane road than a two-lane road or either create another traffic jam at Gate 3 while trying to inspect incoming or exiting traffic.

I realize that all the points that I have made compare Gate 2 vs. Gate 3, and Gate 1 is still an option. However, for an employee working south of Martin Road, Gate 1 is not a feasible option.

In closing I have three questions:

1. Did the authorities at Redstone Arsenal consider the safety of the employees when making the decision to close Gate 2?
2. Did the authorities at Redstone Arsenal consider the impact that closing Gate 2 will have on South Memorial Parkway traffic during peak traffic time?

3. Did the authorities at Redstone Arsenal coordinate the closing of Gate 2 with any official of the city of Huntsville, particularly traffic safety?

**William Brasseale**  
RSA Huntsville

*Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "The need to increase physical security on Redstone Arsenal is the primary cause for the closure of Gate 2 and increased vehicle surveillance on other gates. As part of an Arsenal-wide physical security review, it was determined that the number of entry points must be reduced. As security is tightened, it will impact the ease of entry to the Arsenal that has been the norm for the past several years.*

*"Gate 2 was selected for permanent closure because it would have the least impact on the total work force. This is the least-used entry point to the Arsenal and is currently open only five hours per day during the work week. This option was extensively evaluated prior to any decision being made. Other gates will not close due to the high volume of traffic through those gates throughout the day or because of other requirements to support the Arsenal such as hazardous cargo deliveries.*

*"To address traffic flow concerns, we are coordinating with the city of Huntsville to modify the traffic light timer settings at Hobbs Road to accommodate more vehicles. Additionally, employees have the option to bypass Hobbs Road and use the turn lane at Redstone Road which provides access to Gate 3. There is a third option of continuing onto Martin Road where there is a right lane exit and two lanes of traffic to access Gate 1. These options help to mitigate the safety concerns associated with the closure of Gate 2.*

*"To also improve traffic flow, we are asking employees working on the Arsenal to make sure that their vehicle decals are current. Decals can be renewed at any time, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at building 3423. Operators of vehicles without current decals may request a visitor's pass. Visitors must have a current driver's license, vehicle state registration and their destination readily available as they pull into the left lane to get a pass from the security guard. Visitors without the appropriate information and forms will not be allowed to enter.*

*"Your patience, cooperation and support on this issue are greatly appreciated. The increased physical security resulting from these measures will more than offset the inconvenience caused by the one gate closure and increased security checks at each gate."*

### Lost and found

I happened to leave a gym bag outside the Sparkman Center on May 7. I returned May 10 to see if it had been found and delivered to the lost and found. Since I am a matrixed employee, I only return to the Sparkman Center for classes and hadn't been in the building since 5307 has been occupied. I had no idea of how such issues are handled.

Since I had no idea if each building had a lost and found, I made the mistake of saying "Pardon me sir" to one of 5307's finest.

The reason I happened to approach the particular individual was because he had a gym bag.

The bearded, 60-ish man stroked his beard and cut me off and snapped, "Who the hell are you?"

I simply thought he was some crude bore but politely introduced myself and fumbled with my badge. Before I could say anything else, he said: "I don't think I want to talk to you!"

I was taken aghast and replied I didn't want to talk to him either and left.

I don't know who the SOB was, but he needs to go to the lost and found and find his civility.

Name withheld by request

### Union vote

The National Federation for Federal Employees (NFFE), Local 405 would like to express its agreement with the recent Federal Labor Relations Authority ruling, which allows AMCOM employees to vote on which union will have exclusive representation. NFFE Local 405 feels that the AMCOM employees are very competent and extremely capable of deciding which union and union contract is best for them.

NFFE Local 405 would like to recommend that all the employees review the union agreements for NFFE Local 405, dated February 1994 and AFGE Local 1858, dated June 1981, which are located on the website at this address:

[www.redstone.army.mil/cpo/union.htm](http://www.redstone.army.mil/cpo/union.htm). NFFE Local 405 is confident that a review of both contracts will enable the employees to make the best decision on which union will be most beneficial for the employees. NFFE Local 405's contract by far provides more comprehensive protection and benefits to the employees of AMCOM. NFFE Local 405 would like to assure all of the AMCOM community that their interest will always be at the forefront of any decision made or action taken.

NFFE Local 405 is also requesting that all AMCOM employees contact the NFFE Local 405 union office via e-mail, telephone, or fax as soon as possible. NFFE Local 405 would like to provide the employees with important information regarding their futures here at AMCOM, their union representation and NFFE Local

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From von Braun to new millennium...

# Retiring worker's rocketry career spanned half a century

By June Johns

There have been many changes at Redstone Arsenal over the course of the last five decades, but one thing has remained constant. You could always find Arsenal worker, Bill Pittman, at his desk every day for the last 52 years. But now, Pittman is also ready for a change and will be retiring soon.

Through the years, Pittman's work has focused on "some facet of rockets and missiles," and included projects on instrumentation, tracking and guidance systems.

Described by co-workers as "a walking encyclopedia," Pittman has seen and learned much since his first day of work back in July 1951. When Pittman first came to work at Redstone Arsenal, he had served in the military as a Marine. After graduation from Mississippi State College in electrical engineering, he began serving in a civilian capacity at Redstone Arsenal.

As an entry-level engineer working with radio frequency telemetry installed on missiles, Pittman gained firsthand experience of what it was like to work with legendary Wernher von Braun and his fellow German rocket scientists. Von Braun was "an amazing man who spoke very precise English," Pittman remembered. He also recalled that the renowned man, who started work at the Arsenal just one year prior to Pittman's arrival, possessed an excellent ability to communicate abstract, highly-technical ideas in laymen's terms to the man on the street.

In addition, Pittman recalled how the German scientists were "disciplinarians. They wanted to excel, and they set high standards," Pittman said, adding "they could be tough to work with."

At that time, workers were located in buildings 111 and 112. They were part of the Army Ordnance Missile Lab in these pre-Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) days.

"Back then, we had a higher degree of informality. Of course, we had a much smaller organization then, too," Pittman said.

Work was later moved to building 4487, where Pittman was assigned when his group was transferred from the Army Ballistic Missile Agency to the newly-formed

MSFC. After working in building 7442, he moved to the older portion of building 5400, originally constructed for Pershing missile projects. Through the years, this work area was "built into the leading center of expertise in missile guidance and control in the Army," Pittman said.

Pittman was on the launch team for the first Redstone Rocket, and remembers the site of the rocket's first static test, off Dodd Road, a few hundred yards from where building 5400 is located. He went on to participate in the launching of this missile from then-named Cape Canaveral, Fla., in August 1953.

Much of the technology used in developing the Redstone Rocket was learned from the V2s used by the Germans in World War II. Parts of V2 rockets were assembled for use in an upper atmosphere research program at White Sands, N.M. It was from this and earlier experiences with the V2 that led to other prototype rockets — and ultimately the Redstone missile.

Pittman was also involved in some of the United States' early satellite efforts, including the Explorer IV, which was designed to study radiation around the earth, and helped lead to the major discovery of the Van Allen Belts. The Van Allen Belts are zones of high-intensity radiation particles trapped in the magnetic field surrounding the Earth. These belts extend several tens of thousands of kilometers into space.

The year 1972 brought a new challenge for Pittman. It was then that he began work on developing plans for manufacturing technology programs supporting missile guidance. His job was "to make sure we could afford to do the things we wanted to do," Pittman said. Such projects led Pittman away from his early work on hardware and toward planning and developing new concepts. While his work changed through the years, the challenges for Pittman did not. "There was no difference in the challenges. There are still interesting problems to solve," he said.

One of the most challenging programs Pittman worked on involved development of generic technologies, such as solid state

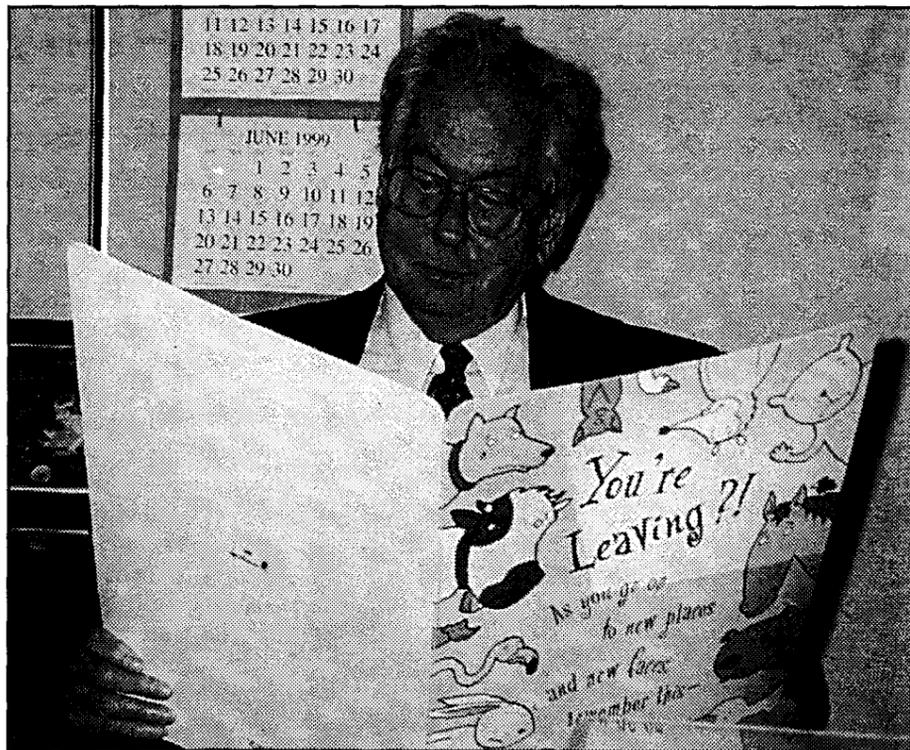


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**FOND FAREWELL—** Pittman looks over the farewell card that numerous co-workers signed, wishing him well during his retirement.

radar and missile guidance that can be used on several missile systems.

Pittman relishes the work he has done on "dual use," which means developing items that can be used in both military and civilian life. One example would be anti-collision radar, which warns of potential impact with another object. Originally designed for missiles, this technology is currently an option on newer model cars, Pittman said.

Another example is "infrared focal plane arrays," which create an infrared image that can be understood by the human eye in much the same way as television. The Army uses this technology for nighttime battles; civilians could put it to use as an intrusion detection device.

Though Pittman's "last day" was officially May 3, you can still find him behind the desk, working as part of the Volunteer Emeritus Program, compiling patent information and various reports, and helping to develop related conferences. He'll continue

to work 40-hour workweeks on these projects until they are completed, which Pittman estimates will be near the end of June. Then it's off to spend more time with his wife, Eloise, and his children: Bill, Tom and Patricia.

He also plans on visiting grandsons Spencer (12), and Will (6) in Anniston more often, and traveling to see granddaughter Carlin, who lives in Birmingham, on a more frequent basis.

Pittman will also begin work on his family's genealogy, making extensive use of the Internet to do research. He already knows he can count seven Revolutionary War heroes as ancestors. He noted that a Georgia chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has even named their group after one of these ancestors.

While his family will be happy to spend more time with him, co-workers will miss this man, who, they say, has "shoes that will be hard to fill."

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**BIG PICTURE**— Guidry completed a yearlong program in "Sustaining Base Leadership and Management," which helped her to understand the big picture of how the Army operates.

Meeting challenge...

# Leadership class sharpens the focus for Army's potential managers

By June Johns

When the Army issues the challenge to "Be All That You Can Be," employees such as Marian Guidry take it seriously. Guidry was one of 11 local government employees who attended a "Sustaining Base Leadership and Management" non-resident class offered by the Army Management Staff College at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Guidry has worked as a government employee for almost 19 years. She currently serves as a program analyst in the Business Management Division of the Apache Project Office. She has served in this position for about two years, with responsibilities for external programs and cost reporting. Prior to that, she worked for 17 years in St. Louis, most recently as a cost analyst for the Utility Helicopters (formerly Black Hawk) Project Office.

The Army Management Staff College conducts several "Sustaining Base Leadership and Management" classes each year. Basically, Guidry explained, such classes provide students with "a big picture of how the Army operates."

These courses begin with a week's worth of on-site classes at Fort Belvoir, providing students with team-building activities, establishing protocol for future on-line classes, and allowing students an opportunity to get to know one another, Guidry said.

Then, over the course of a year, students participate in on-line Internet classes with fellow classmates and the seminar leader for approximately one hour per week. These sessions also provide participating students with the opportunity to discuss and share information.

Guidry spent many nights and weekends — an estimated 10-14 hours each week — studying and preparing for class courses and projects. "Homework" included extensive reading, as well as working on individual

and group projects. In addition, in order to complete the yearlong class, students must write a professional article and complete a research paper on a base-related issue or challenge facing the student's organization. Guidry's professional paper discussed the aftermath of the Base Realignment and Closure actions; her research paper concentrated on "empowering survivors of a downsized organization," she said.

Each class culminates with a weeklong return to Fort Belvoir, where class participants devise a fabricated scenario that involves moving soldiers from certain points to areas of conflict, using information previously learned during the course of study.

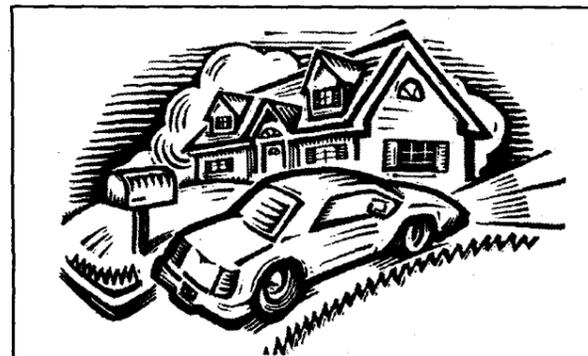
The program is primarily geared toward government workers GS-12 through 14, potential managers who would find it important to gain a better "knowledge of how the Army operates" and how soldiers are managed, Guidry said. While some military personnel do attend these classes, the majority of those in attendance tend to be civilian government workers, she said.

An application package must be submitted to attend such courses. A government panel evaluates applicants' experience and "determines whether the class would be of benefit to your career path," Guidry said.

In addition to broadening her knowledge, and enhancing her career opportunities, one of the positive results of this class, Guidry, said, was learning from and sharing with other class members.

Others who attended the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management course, along with Guidry, included Al Schwartz, Gary McPherson, Jean Grotophorst, Johnnie Duke-Bradt, Mary Meighen, Patricia Padgett and Scarlet Leonard. Other government employees who attended the class, but who work at Huntsville locations other than the Arsenal, included Steven Elliott Jr., Diane Williams and Linda James.

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### Career day...

Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, speaks to eighth-grade students at Harvest School for their "Career Day," under the auspices of the AMCOM Speaker's Bureau program.

In Pentagon ceremony...

# Huntsville Corps of Engineers receives top recognition

The local Army Engineering and Support Center has earned three national awards that recognize its leadership in government reinvention and its millions of dollars in savings for American taxpayers.

In a ceremony at the Pentagon May 6, a contingent from the Huntsville Corps of Engineers received the Chief of Staff of the Army Award for the Center's participation in the Army Communities of Excellence program. The award is based on the Malcolm Baldrige criteria for business quality. It proves the Center operates as one of the most efficient and effective organizations within the Army. Organizational efficiencies at the Center have cut costs by more than \$60 million over the past four years.

Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki, who represented Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer, presented the award to the Huntsville employees.

It is the second highest award presented each year by the Army for organizational excellence. Fort Benning, Ga., earned the top spot this year.

A small team from the Huntsville Center was recognized May 12 with the Department of Defense Productivity Excellence Award at the Pentagon. This important award recognizes individuals or small teams that developed innovative processes which are saving taxpayers

money. Three Huntsville Center employees have saved the taxpayers more than \$40 million over the past six years through their simplified process of renovating military medical facilities and federal buildings with energy conservation needs.

Thomas Sykes, Emily Durham, and S. Plyler McManus developed a process that eliminates voluminous contractor design requirements and reduces the amount of government review of contractor work plans while assuring quality.

In addition, the President's Quality Award program has recognized the Huntsville Center's efforts. The President's Quality Award program also uses the national quality criteria for American businesses. This competition includes the entire federal government, not just the Army or Department of Defense.

For 1999, the Huntsville Center was named one of the top nine agencies in all of the federal government. The Center was specifically cited for its planning ability. Vice President Gore is scheduled to present the award in Washington this June.

This is the second year in a row that the Corps of Engineers' Huntsville Center has earned awards from the Army Communities of Excellence Program and the President's Quality Award Program. (Corps of Engineers release)

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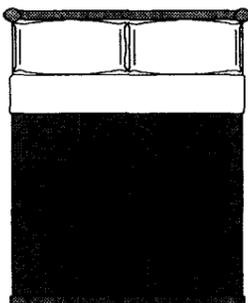
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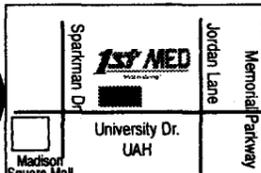
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Florida Tech has been on Redstone Arsenal for 23 years and has had more than 1,100 graduates. Its main campus is in Melbourne, Fla.

The graduates included military personnel, Department of Defense civilians, Marshall Space Flight Center workers, and employees from local industries. Florida Tech has 300 students taking summer classes in the evening at the Sparkman Center.

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# Cost saving suggestion earns engineer big bucks

Battery charger saves government more than half a million dollars in first year of implementation

By Sandy Riebeling

As spring blooms into summer and the grass grows taller, Steve Weems will be cutting his yard with a new lawnmower, compliments of the Army.

No, the Army is not supplying all its engineers with lawnmowers, but it is paying pretty good money for suggestions that result in significant cost savings, which is exactly what Weems offered early last year.

Weems, a general engineer working in the quality engineering division under the Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center, noticed a problem with nickel cadmium batteries used in the Stinger Tracking Head Trainer.

"If the battery isn't fully discharged after each use, it will have a memory," Weems said. "And over time, crystallization forms, which means you have to throw the battery away."

The batteries cost \$2,000 each. Weems suggested the Army use the Christie CASP 2000 battery analyzer to fully discharge the batteries after each use. He further suggested that the batteries be stored discharged because it loses 1 percent of its capacity per day.

Using this off-the-shelf technology saved the Army costs in development and qualifying the source. It saved nearly \$100,000 in production start-up cost to get more batteries made to replace the eight per month that were being lost due to the memory problems.

"We also found a way to recover the old batteries by putting them in a freezer for 24 hours, then charging and discharging them five times," Weems said. "The batteries were able to be used again."

It took nearly a year to get the suggestion approved. Weems hopes to have the new chargers in the field before the end of the year.

"This gives the batteries an indefinite shelf life," he said.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**BRIGHT IDEA, BIG REWARD—** Weems figured out a way to save batteries by properly discharging them after each use. This suggestion saved the Army \$617,136 in FY '99 and earned Weems a \$6,286 bonus.

"I would like to take these chargers into the field and work with training the soldiers."

The Army will need 21 chargers at \$5,000 each plus the cost of retrofitting 33 carrying cases on the system. Even with these costs, the savings is significant.

Saving the Army money does not go unrewarded. Weems was given a commendation and a check for \$6,286, some of which he used to buy computer equipment and his new riding lawnmower.

"I love working in the yard," he said. "But I also love photography and astronomy."

Weems spends much of his spare time outdoors, stargazing at the planetarium on Monte Sano Mountain in the evenings and shooting daytime nature photos around the Huntsville area.

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# Hip hop and groovin'... Soldier keeps fitness fun as aerobics instructor

By Sandy Riebeling

It all started when Sgt. Angela Wiley and her supervisor went to an aerobics class and the instructor was a no-show. A member of the class took charge and led the aerobics. While Wiley stepped and danced, she thought, "I could do that—I could teach aerobics." That was six months ago and she's been teaching ever since.

"I've been doing aerobics on and off for a long time," Wiley said. "I had been doing it consistently for two months before I decided I wanted to try to teach it. But that night, watching a guy from my class get up there and lead it, I knew I could do it."

Once the decision was made, she took action. That very same night, she and her supervisor, Sgt. Fredericka Jones, both from the 95th Maintenance Company, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, worked up a step aerobics routine and put it to music for Wiley to teach fellow soldiers during her rotation in the roster to lead company physical training.

"We have to rotate teaching PT," Wiley said. "So I did aerobics for my two weeks. I was a little nervous but I thought it went pretty good. Most of them liked it."

"I knew she could do it," Jones said. "I practice with her and go to her classes. She is a wonder woman and just doesn't know it."

Around the same time, one of the volunteer aerobics instructors at Pagano Gym overheard that Wiley was teaching aerobics for PT and approached her about teaching a class at the gym. This instructor was leaving the Arsenal and needed someone to take her class.

"I started teaching that class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m.," Wiley said. "It's been really great. I love to do aerobics. I love to dance. And I can take my 5-year-old son, Mikal, to the gym with me. He plays basketball and talks to the guys while I teach the class. He's a gym brat and loves it."

Teaching the class helps Wiley to prepare for the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America test that will certify her as an instructor.

"There's like 100 questions on this test, covering the human anatomy and lots of other things," she said. "Then you have to do a routine to their music. That is probably the hardest part. I'll be studying over the summer and hope to be certified by the fall."

Wiley says she changes up her routines periodically to keep them fresh. Her Thursday class is geared more to strength training than purely aerobic fitness training.

"Some people don't like to go into the weight rooms to work out, so I started doing more strength training on Thursdays," she said. "I also like to change the music to the routines so people won't get bored. When I find a song I like a lot, I usually use it in class. You'll hear a lot of Al Green in the cool downs."

Just the mention of cool downs or warm ups gets Wiley stirred up about the importance of doing aerobics correctly.

"Stretching is so important in a workout," she said. "I don't think people understand that. The same with cool downs. Every segment has a purpose."

Wiley's step aerobics class usually consists of a five minute warm up followed by a five to seven minutes weight routine, 10 minute cardiovascular workout, five minutes of leg work, seven minutes of combination and then a five minute cool down. She also includes some toning exercises and stretches.

"Sometimes people come into class for the first time and feel awkward," Wiley said. "But I would encourage you to stick with it. It will get easier and better and you'll have a lot of fun. Everybody goes through an awkward stage at first."

Other advice from Wiley includes consulting a doctor before you begin a workout routine and to monitor yourself during workouts. If you feel like you're doing too much, don't move your arms as much. That should bring down your heart rate.

Besides her two regular classes, Wiley also rotates with the other five aerobics instructors at Pagano Gym to teach a Saturday 10 a.m. class.

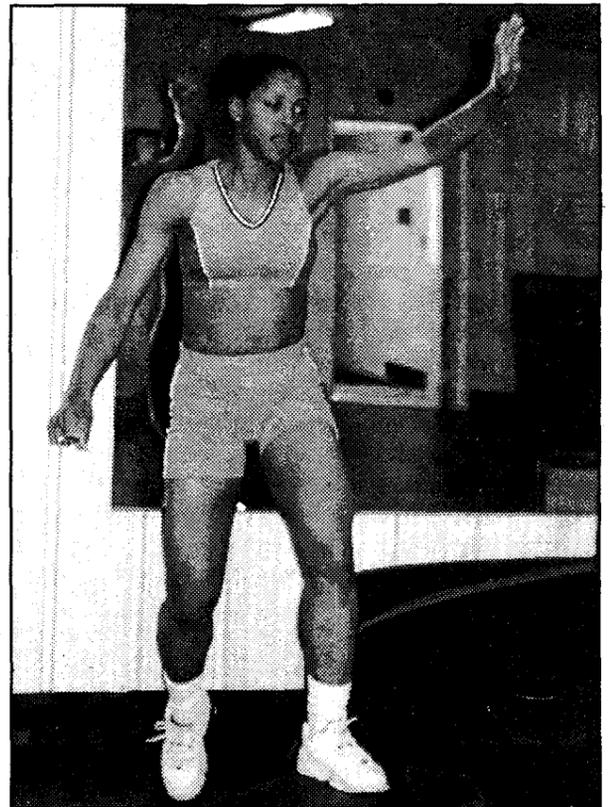


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**WITH THE BEAT—** Teaching aerobics twice a week at the Pagano gym keeps Wiley in shape for her physical training test.

In between her classes, her job and taking care of her son, Wiley fills her days with college classes and other recreational sports on post.

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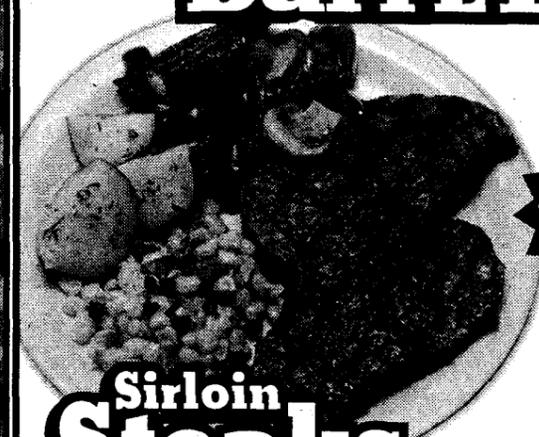
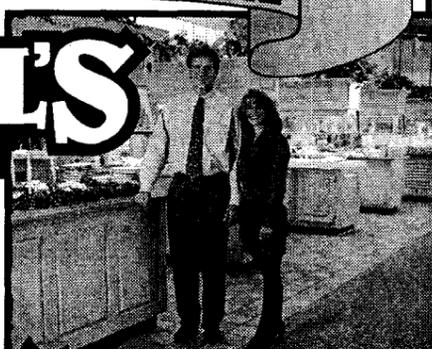
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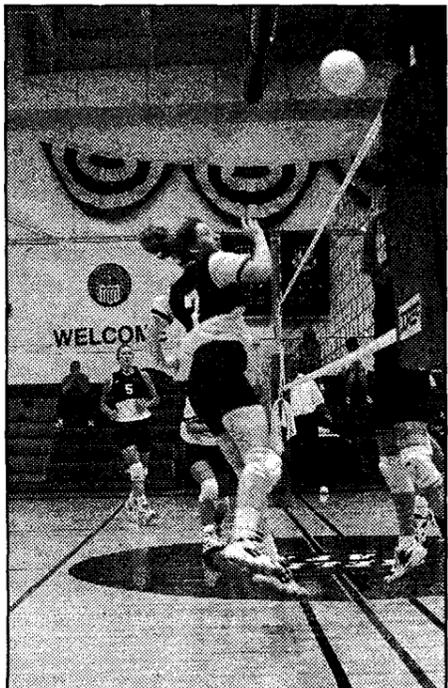
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# Air Force women undefeated in volleyball title defense

By Karen Edge

KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas—Air Force women defended their 1998 volleyball championship title by spiking all comers at this year's armed forces tournament here May 2-7.

The double round-robin contest posed a long, rigorous week for all the volleyball-slamming women, who were also looking for spots on the U.S. team going to the Military World Games Aug. 6-18 in Zagreb, Croatia. The Air Force went 6-0 to bring home the gold. The Navy placed second with 4-2, trailed by the Army, 2-4, and the Marines, 0-6.



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**UP TO BLOCK**— Air Force Capt. Jenny Block gets off the ground at the 1999 Armed Forces Women's Volleyball Championship at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, and sends a return to the Navy defense. Block and her Air Force teammates went 6-0 to win their second straight title. The Navy finished second at the May 2-7 tournament.

That the Air Force went undefeated wasn't for lack of effort from the other services. The Air Force just worked like a well-oiled machine, with precise passing, setting, spiking and blocking and strong defensive play.

"The Navy and Army teams really gave the Air Force a run for the money. Each game was tight. Hustle and good outside hitters worked well in favor of the Navy, and the Army's team had great unity," said Paul Prentice, base fitness center sports director.

"The Marines couldn't seem to get it together. They had a lot of good individual players, but it seemed as if they couldn't work as a team. Their chemistry was off and it showed."

A closing ceremony at the base officers club wrapped up the events. The six top players, four Air Force and two Army, were named the tournament all-star team and each received real gold coins.

The Air Force all-stars are 1st Lt. Billee Juarez, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Capt. Jenny Block, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; and Capts. Lisa Harrington and Christine Biler, both of Los Angeles AFB, Calif. Army members are 1st Lt. DeAnn Machlan of Fort Campbell, Ky., and 1st Lt. Deanna Lehn of Fort Bliss, Texas.

Some of the women now head to the U.S. team trials at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., July 24 through Aug. 4. Winners there will advance to the Military World Games in Croatia, sponsored by the International Military Sports Council.

Air Force players named to attend the trials are Juarez, Block and Harrington; Capt. Erin Carmichael, Vance AFB, Okla.; 1st Lt. Denise Freimuth, Randolph AFB, Texas; 2nd Lt. Tara Shambart, Holloman AFB, N.M.; and 2nd Lt. Tracey Smith, Dover AFB, Del.

Army candidates are Machlan, Lehn, and Capt. Debra Miller of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Navy members chosen are Lt. Lauren Nilsen, Naval Hospital Cherry Point, N.C.;

Lt. j.g. Karen Schullian, USS Shiloh, Calif.; Lt. j.g. Marsha Heineman, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va.; and Ensign Stephanie Merrit, USS Tortuga, Va.

Marines making the cut are 1st Lt. Sue Bird, Marine Corps

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(Editor's note: Karen Edge is a contract base newspaper reporter and editor at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.)

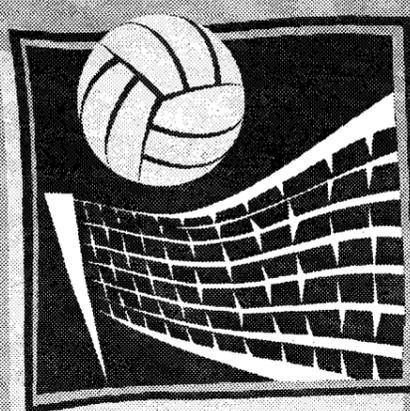
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Headquarters and Alpha Company looks like the team to beat in the post-season unit volleyball tournament.

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The Gators were first in the Eastern Conference followed by Charlie Company, 8-4; HHC AMCOM, 7-5; and Bravo Company team-two, 0-12.

Bravo Company team-one (7-5) finished atop the Western Conference followed by the Marines (6-6) and Delta Company (2-10).



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By June Johns

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A savings bond kickoff rally will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sparkman Auditorium. A marketing representative from the U.S. Treasury Department will be on hand to discuss, among other things, the new savings bond "I" series, which offers "more of a hedge against inflation," according to Geanine Lehmann, volunteer campaign coordinator for the savings bond drive at Redstone Arsenal. Assisting Lehmann with this effort will be co-worker Debbie Boyer.

A signing service for the hearing impaired will be offered at this rally, Lehmann noted. If you are unable to attend this rally, don't panic. The rally will be videotaped, with free video copies available from Lehmann, who works as a financial systems specialist with the customer service branch of managerial accounting at the Resource Management Directorate.

In addition, throughout June, plans are to have all Redstone Arsenal military and civilian employees contacted by volunteer canvassers during this monthlong campaign, Lehmann said.

While savings bonds can be purchased in one lump sum, the most popular method — and the primary focus of this campaign — will stress buying bonds through the payroll deduction plan. "It's a painless method," Lehmann said.

During this campaign, workers can also take the opportunity to increase the bond amount they are purchasing each pay period. Savings bond denominations start at \$25 and increase upwards into the thousands, Lehmann said.

The goal of this campaign is to increase the number of new buyers, as well as the total amount of bonds purchased, she said.

Reminders about the savings bond push will be featured on flyers and posters throughout Redstone Arsenal. A notice will also be included in federal employees' leave and earnings statements.

For more information, call Lehmann at 842-7568.

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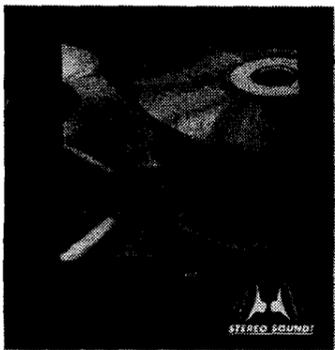
Second place and \$40 each went to Rod Duke, John McCarty, David Sallo and T.J. Talor.

Third place and \$30 apiece went to Jerry Hill, Joe Catron, Dan Andree and Coy Brown.

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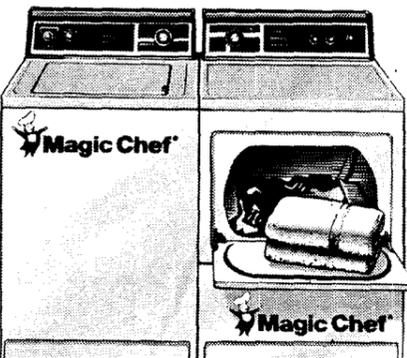
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With scholarship awards...

# Annual luncheon spotlights local high school seniors

By Skip Vaughn

There's nothing like a candlelight meal to set the mood for a luncheon crowd.

About 100 attendees at the OCWC merit awards luncheon spent several minutes in the dark May 11 during periodic power failures at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Finally the lights stayed on and the program began as planned.

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club presented eight scholarships to local high school seniors. Merit award recipients included Heather Fujio, Shanna Campbell, Gina Pratico, Kimberly Talianko, Mary Catherine Harrison, Lindsey Miller Kraatz, Erin Sabrina Lindsay and James Andrew Reed.

Amber Davis, a freshman at Auburn University, received a scholarship from the United Services Planning Association and Independent Research Agency.

"We had 23 eligible students apply this year for our merit awards so we had a very competitive field," Linda Butler, the merit awards chairman, said. Selections were based on academics, activities and an essay.

Besides the scholarship presentations, the OCWC installed its officers for 1999-2000. They include Karen Lake, president; Bobbie Carroll, first vice president; Becky Taylor, second vice president; Brenda Hendrick, recording secretary; Sharon Curcio, corresponding secretary; and Connie

Carter, treasurer.

"We wish all the students here good luck in their educational goals," Butler said.

The student honorees and their awards included:

- Heather Fujio, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Hirome and Cindy Fujio, is a senior at Bob Jones High School. She received a \$1,500 scholarship plus \$1,000 savings bond. She plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham and major in pre-med.

- Shanna Campbell, daughter of retired Maj. Scott and Faye Campbell, is a senior at Huntsville High School. She received a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to attend Auburn University and major in psychology with hopes of becoming a psychiatrist.

- Gina Pratico, daughter of retired Maj. Robert and Deborah Pratico, is a senior at Grissom High School. She received a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to attend Erskine College and major in early childhood education.

- Kimberly Talianko, daughter of retired Maj. Robert and Sheila Talianko, is a senior at Grissom. She received a \$750 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and major in business.

- Mary Catherine Harrison, daughter of Col. Thomas and Katrina Harrison, is a senior at Randolph School. She received a \$750 scholarship. She plans to attend Oglethorpe University and major in art therapy.

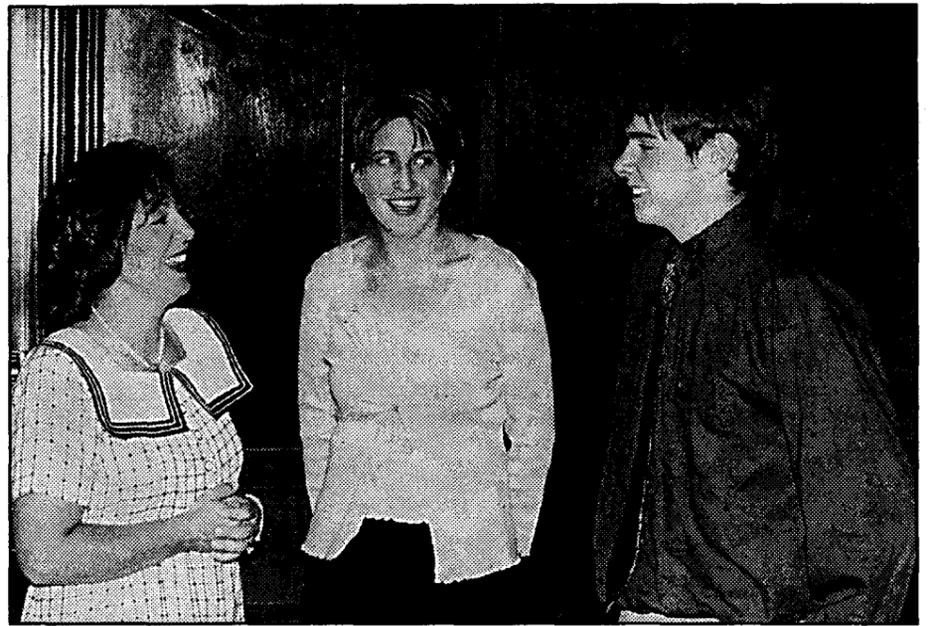


Photo by Skip Vaughn

LUNCH BREAK— Butler, left, talks with Mary Harrison and Andrew Reed, two of the merit award recipients.

- Lindsey Miller Kraatz, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Timothy and Mary Lou Kraatz, is a senior at Bob Jones. She received a \$750 scholarship. She plans to attend Eckerd College and major in marine biology.

- Erin Sabrina Lindsay, daughter of retired Maj. Patrick and Rebecca Lindsay, is a senior at Grissom. She received a \$750 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Alabama-Huntsville and major in

liberal arts.

- James Andrew Reed, son of retired Lt. Col. John and Marianne Reed, is a senior at Arab High School. He received a \$500 scholarship. He plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in pre-med.

- Amber Davis, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Jack and Linda Davis, received a \$1,000 scholarship from USPA and IRA. She is majoring in pre-pharmacology at Auburn.

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NFFE Local 405 would like to take a moment to praise all of the AMCOM employees, both former Aviation and Missile for their patience and perseverance during the past two years. NFFE Local 405 feels that during the move and the merger of the two commands complicated by all the reorganizations, demonstration projects, A76 studies, and CPEA investigations the overall performance of our work force has been outstanding!

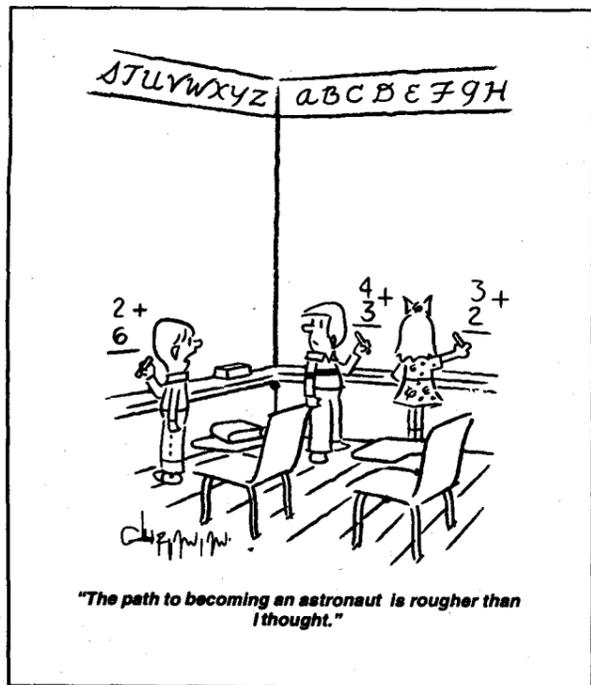
NFFE looks forward to hearing from all AMCOM employees, and we look forward to representing you now and in the future.

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## Army tent

To Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett and SFC James Matthews... I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the tent which the Army contributed for the Relay for Life event which took place May 14. Your support helped to make this special event a success and was very much appreciated by the employees at SouthTrust!

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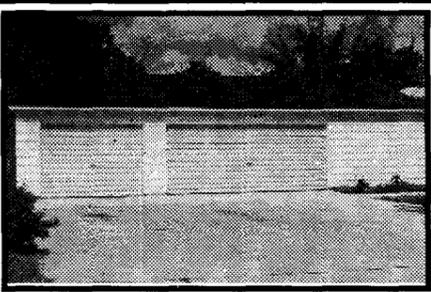
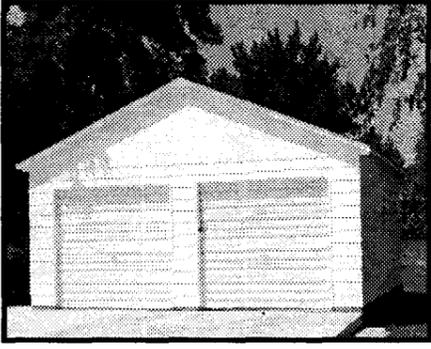
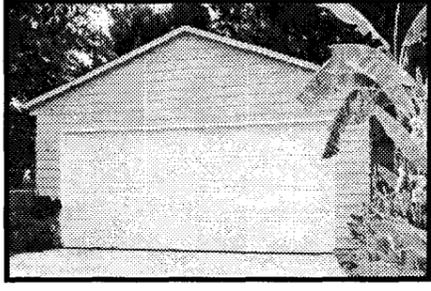
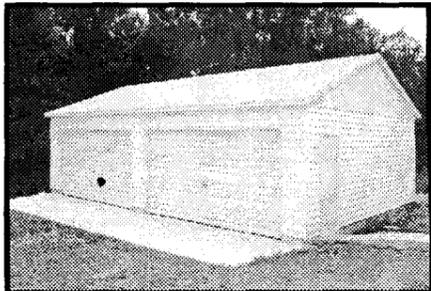
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## Worker struck by community's 'caring' response after house fire

By June Johns

May 5 started out as just another typical Wednesday for Cheryl Wise. She went to work at her job as a management analyst in the Strategic Planning Office. After work, she drove the routine 30 minutes it takes her to travel home, arriving at her Henderson Hills house, located in northwest Huntsville, at approximately 6 p.m. Little did she realize at the time that she was less than six hours away from having her life radically altered by the fury of Mother Nature.

Shortly after midnight, the noise of a fire alarm, and the smell of smoke in her bedroom and master bath, suddenly awakened Wise. She had slept through the sound of a lightning bolt striking the back of her home and starting a fire that ultimately consumed her house.

Fortunately, Wise got out unharmed, racing to a neighbors' home cross the street where the husband was a volunteer fireman. Though the fire department was promptly called, and help arrived within minutes, it was too late to save Wise's house or possessions. Her insurance company declared Wise's home and automobile "a total loss."

Wise is currently staying with a friend and will soon be moving into a furnished apartment. Eventually she plans to rebuild, but can't anticipate this early on whether her new house will be in the same or another location.

"I want to take my time on this; I don't have a particular time frame in mind," she said.

Fortunately for Wise, family members, co-workers, friends, neighbors, fellow church members, and even people she does not personally know, have all pitched in to help. She has received an outpouring of offers



Photo by June Johns

**HELPING OUT—** Cheryl Wise looks over the many clothes she has received from co-workers and friends since she lost everything in a recent house fire.

of assistance, clothes, jewelry, and money.

"People have been very caring, loving, and concerned. I have no words to express how thankful I am for the entire community's expression of kindness. I'm very appreciative of all that everyone has done," she said.

If you are interested in providing further assistance for Wise, a special reception is planned for May 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conference room 8124, first floor, building 5308. For more information, call Tammie Terry at 955-6370 or Marilyn Craig at 313-0637.

Among MWR activities...

## Post swimming pools scheduled to open May 29; lessons set

The MWR Sales & Marketing office, phone 955-7399, listed the following events for Morale, Welfare and Recreation:

- **Swimming pools**— The Redstone swimming pools are scheduled to open May 29 at 11 a.m. Season swim passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129 and at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Family season passes are \$40, individual season passes are \$30. Daily passes and guest passes can be purchased at each pool site for \$2 per person. There are three pools available for the Redstone community: Pool 1 on Vincent Drive, Pool 2 at the Challenger Club, and Pool 3 on Goss Road. Swim lessons are also available this summer. There are eight lessons per session (within a two-week period), and each session is \$15. Sign up at Pool 3 (Goss Road) beginning May 27 between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

- **Military Remembrance Month**— The BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee will hold a drive for deployed servicemembers around the world, and for the refugees of Kosovo. The Redstone community is encouraged to donate clothes to help the refugees, letters of support to our servicemembers, or care packages for servicemembers in the

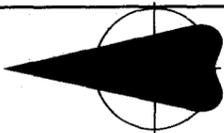
Middle East and Europe. Please bring your donations to the Recreation Center, building 3711, Aerobee Road. This BOSS-sponsored drive is under way through May 31. Write a letter to a soldier; it can make a world of difference. Show your support for our troops overseas, and bring your donations to the Recreation Center today. For more information, call Spec. Hague 876-4345.

- **Flying activity**— Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will have its annual Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 5. There will be food, fun and flying for the entire family. Always wanted to fly? RAFA instructors will be on hand to take you for a ride: \$20 fee for a half-hour of flight time as a passenger. Get to the RAFA Open House early to sign up for a flight time, enjoy the food, and inquire about membership! The first month's dues of \$23 will be waived for new members signing up June 5. For more information, call the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity 880-9495.

- **Stress management workshop**— If you have stress in your life, you are not alone. Join us for the Stress Management Workshop on May 28 from 11-noon in the Army Community Service's conference room, building 3491. Family advocacy program director Sal Riccardi will discuss

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Midweek faith booster...

# Lunch time Bible study offers food for body and soul

By Sandy Riebeling

Sometimes being a Christian is just a hard thing to be. It's a challenge to be Christ-like in a world that covets money over people, success over integrity and personal achievement over the good of others. If you're finding that your spirit is in need of a little midweek pick-me-up, you may want to check out the Bible study at Bicentennial Chapel every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Chaplain (Maj.) Dan Payne doesn't attend the weekly Bible study at Bicentennial Chapel to provide leadership, even though he is the post sponsor. He goes there as a way of meeting his own spiritual needs.

"It's tough out there," Payne said. "The Bible study offers a place for people of like faith to share their experiences, talk about what God is doing in their lives and support each other. I am there to assist and support the others as part of the group but I am also there for my own spiritual nourishment."

The study averages about 10 people each week. Some are regulars but it is not unusual to see new faces in the crowd. The meeting begins with a prayer and then a quick lunch of hamburgers and drinks, provided free by the Chapel; and then the group opens discussion.

"We work out of a study guide but sometimes we only answer one or two questions during the whole meeting," Payne said. "Every week is a little different. We share experiences. If someone's going through a rough time or has a special problem and wants to talk, we listen and try to support each other."

The study is informal and is mostly led by civilian Bob Boris. Boris has been with the group since its inception in 1995, but as an instructor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, he travels and cannot always make the meetings.

"The Bible study gives people of like faith the opportunity during midweek to look into the scriptures find ways to deal with our problems through biblical teachings," Boris said. "The workplace is getting rougher and rougher and this gives us a boost for the rest of the

week. We try to stay as positive as possible."

Payne said that the study is not a theological debate on scriptures but the opportunity to look into God's word and find out what it means to you. The purpose is to encourage and support each other.

"I would like for them to feel as if they've been in the presence of God," Payne said of the study group members. "To feel closer to Him and have their faith stimulated."

The Bible study ends with prayer requests and a prayer.

"I keep a log of the prayer requests, to know what's been answered and to add new ones," Boris said. "We lift up our families and special concerns in prayer before we leave."

Everyone is welcome to attend the Bible study.

"Just bring your Bible and we'll supply the rest," Payne said. "And if you don't have a Bible don't worry, we have those too."

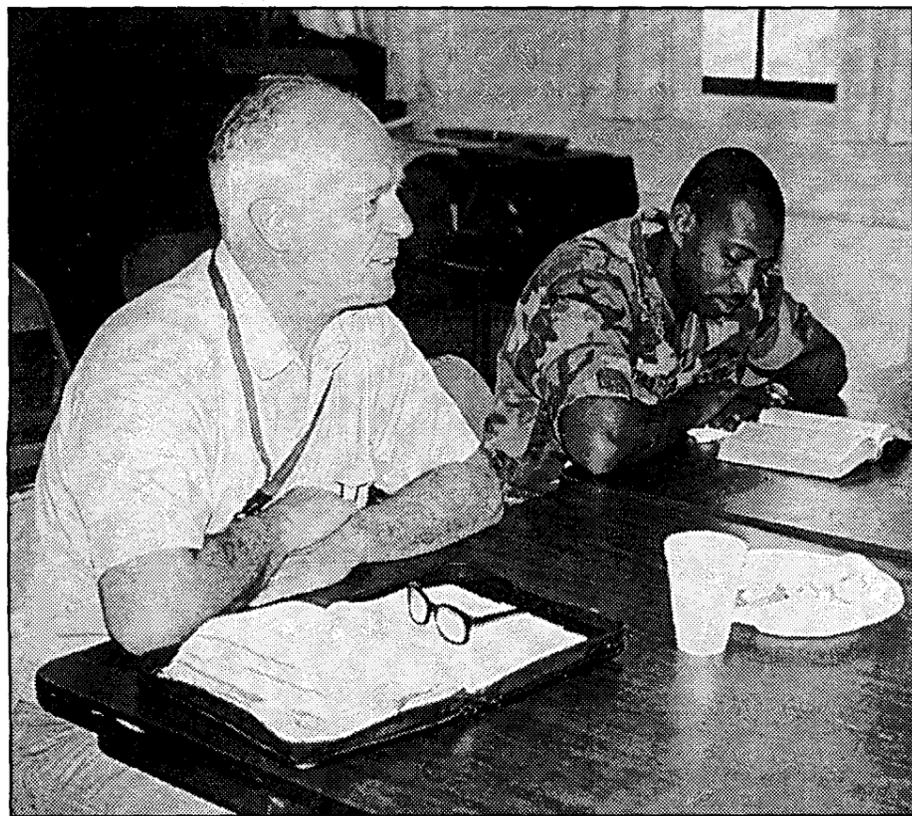


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**FAITHFULLY FIT**— The nondenominational Bible study at Bicentennial Chapel provides a place for Christians to gather together, support one another, learn from each other and feed their spirits with the Word of God. Bob Walker, left, and Sgt. Fred Taylor share a quick lunch before beginning the Bible study.

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the physiological effects of stress and techniques in dealing with and managing stress. For more information or to sign up for the workshop, call Evelyn Carnes 876-7801 or Sal Riccardi 876-3704.

• **Comedy show**— The BOSS Committee and the Recreation Center present the first Comedy Jam. The Comedy Jam— which is to become an annual event — features Steve Brown, Bugz Bunny, Dekeys, and Redstone's very own Denise Tyler. These comedians have appeared on BET's Comic view, and all around the Tennessee Valley. (Adult humor and audience.) The Comedy Jam will be held at the Post Theater, building 3712 on June 5 at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. They can be purchased at the Recreation Center, building 3711, phone 876-4531; Perfect Cuts Barber Shop, 533-7525; the 832nd Ordnance Battalion personnel administration center, 842-2249; or from any BOSS member. For more information, call Spec. Hague 876-4345.

• **Newcomer's orientation**— Army Community Service will hold a Newcomers Orientation at 8:30 a.m. June 1 in building

3447. The Newcomers Orientation is mandatory for active duty personnel; spouses are encouraged to attend. Free childcare is available. Information booths, guest speakers and a bus tour will help you become familiar with Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call 876-5397.

• **Arts and crafts**— From Basket Weaving to Woodworking, the June Hughes Art Center has all that you need. The May class schedule includes: Basket Weaving, Oil Painting, Stained Glass Stepping Stones, Acrylic Painting, Wood Safety, Stained Glass Panel, and Matting and Framing. Hours of operation are: 1:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, call 876-7951.

• **Youth golf**— Register your children for the Youth Golf program! Youth Golf is for ages 10-18 and you can register now at the Youth Center, building 3148. The cost is \$20; and clinics will begin June 8. Clinics will be held each Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks. Play days will be every Thursday throughout the summer. Instructors include the RSA golf pro and staff. Registration for youth golf will end June 7. For more information, stop by the Youth Center or call 876-2255.

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The annual Brotherhood Run 5K will be held Saturday at building 3440 across from Pagano Gym. Trophies will be awarded for the first three places in each age group: 19-under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50-over. Fee is \$12. Registration starts at 8 a.m., with the race at 9:30. For more information call MSgt. Battle 842-2234, MSgt. McGuire 876-6427 or 1st Lt. Coe 842-0585.

### Golf tournament

The Memorial Open Golf Tournament, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., will be held May 29 at Colonial Golf Course, 400 Colonial Drive, Meridianville. Shotgun start is at noon. Entry fee— \$50 for golfer, \$200 corporate team, \$100 hole sponsor — includes green fees, golf cart, player pack, reception, lunch and prizes. For more information call LeRoy Daniels 859-4946, Josh Oliver 852-5938 or Richie Carter 852-2534.

### Girls soccer

The North Alabama Lady Thunder soccer team for under-13 girls will hold tryouts from 6-7:30 p.m. May 25-27 at Brahan Springs Park. Girls on this team will have the opportunity to play at the Alabama State Cup as well as tournaments in Memphis, Atlanta and Nashville. For more information call Jim Saunders 533-3466, Tony Sobul 536-1819 or Randy Clark 990-1555.

## Miscellaneous

### Memorial scholarship

Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association may award up to three scholarships of \$1,000 each to college students pursuing a degree related to contract or procurement management or to NCMA members pursuing the UAH Contract Management Certificate Program. Applications are due by May 31. For more information, call Patsy Robinson 837-8004.

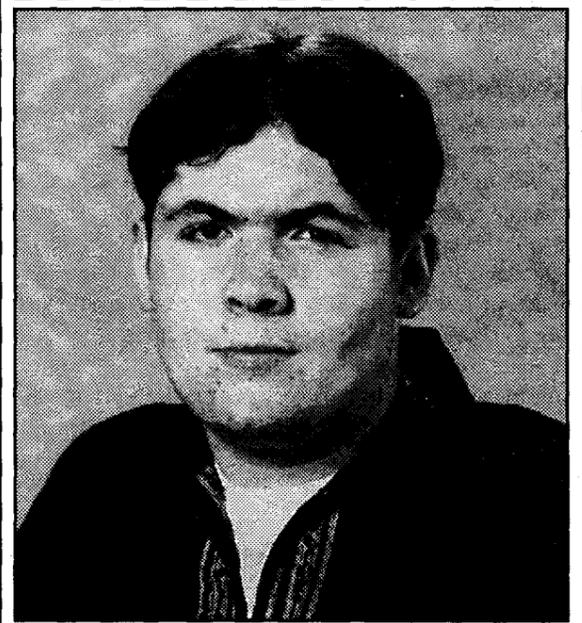
### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting from 6:30-7:30 Thursday morning at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Marvin Whitted 842-2879.... All command sergeants major and sergeants major, active and retired, are invited to a breakfast meeting and golf outing June 18 at Guntersville State Park. The meeting starts at 7 a.m., and golf at 9. RSVP at 876-1874/5331.

### Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group 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.

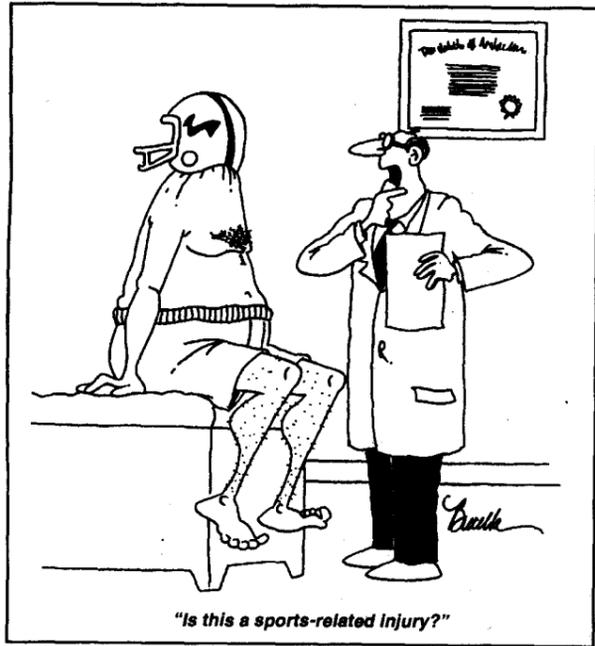
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### Young artist...

Jeremy Johnston, son of Jane Johnston, logistician for Security Assistance Management Directorate and Lewis Ray Johnston, Integrated Materiel Management Center, was awarded the 1999 Art Achievement Award for "Best of Show" from the State of Alabama. The award was presented at the State Capitol April 23 in Montgomery. Jeremy is a junior at Bob Jones High School.



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## Research symposium

The Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) is sponsoring the 38th Army Operations Research Symposium, "Reshaping Army OR for the 21st Century Operational Challenge," at Fort Lee, Va., Oct. 19-20. There will be tutorials and registration Oct. 18. Abstracts of unclassified papers must arrive at AMSAA by June 4 to be considered for presentation. Submit requests for registration by July 23. Information and forms are available at the AORS website, <http://amsaa-web.arl.mil/aors> <<http://amsaa-web.arl.mil/aors>>, from selected organizational point-of-contacts, and from Jean Smith, Command Analysis, 313-0379.

## Mr. Man quest

Samuel Brown Production is looking for men interested in participating in the annual Mr. Man Premiere, held at the Redstone Arsenal Club Sept. 3. Selected men will be judged on style, finesse, personality and performance for the title of Mr. Man. Anyone interested in being a contestant, female model for the show or working with the production aspect should call Brown 233-4702 or pager 650-7736.

## Special forces

Special Forces is looking for professional enlisted and officer volunteers. If you are an enlisted soldier in pay grade E-4 through E-7 with a GT score of 100 or higher, or you are a commissioned officer in year group 1993 through 1997, you can apply for Special Forces training. For more information on Special Forces, access the web page at: [www-benning.army.mil/fbhome/SForce/index.html](http://www-benning.army.mil/fbhome/SForce/index.html) or call the Special Forces Recruiting Team at Fort Benning, Ga., (706) 545-3079 or DSN 835-3079. Capt. Thomas Jarzen, SFC David Boyer and SFC Andy Wilson can answer your questions.

## Scholarships

May 30 is the deadline to apply for the 1999 AAAA scholarships, grants, or loans. For its members the Army Aviation Association of America will offer at least \$180,000 in grants loans and scholarships including "set asides" for spouses, company grade and warrant officers, enlisted members and Department of the Army civilians. You must fill out the scholarship application kit which can only be obtained by writing, faxing, or calling: AAAA Scholarship Foundation Inc., 49 Richmondville Ave., Westport, Conn., 06880-2000; phone (203) 226-8184; fax (203) 222-9863. For more information call Jack Bertelkamp, the Tennessee Valley Chapter vice president for scholarship, (256) 964-8460, extension 103. Remember the kits are only available out of Westport.

## 832nd's commander

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have a change of command ceremony at 8:30 a.m. June 16 behind building 3440, located at the corner of Snooper Road and Aerobee Road, in the quad area. Lt. Col. George Mixon will transfer command of the 832nd to Lt. Col. John T. Wright. A reception following the ceremony will be held in the battalion conference room. RSVP to Lillie Langford, battalion secretary, 876-3315.

## Savings bond rally

A kickoff rally for the 1999 U.S. savings bond campaign will be held 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Sparkman Auditorium.

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## Test/evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency is sponsoring the Army T&E Days II with a STEP Expo on June 16-18 at the Von Braun Center. The theme of the conference is "Integrating Simulation with Test and Evaluation." T&E Days II will include keynote speakers, presentations, panel sessions, and the Simulation Test and Evaluation Process (STEP) Expo. More information on programs, exhibitions, or registration requirements can be accessed at webpage [www.testevaldays.com](http://www.testevaldays.com). The STEP exhibitor coordinator is Rick Llewellyn 876-3662; and the T&E conference chairman is Mike McFalls 876-3462.

## Model railroads

The National Model Railroad Association will hold its Southeast regional convention May 28-30 at the Huntsville Hilton. The Redstone Model Railroad Club is to serve as host. The convention is open to everyone interested in model railroading and will include clinics, model layout tours, prototype tours, and model contests, both for the beginner and advanced modeler. For more information call Jim Sims 830-4370 or Ty Marcucci 880-1390.

## Redstone 2000

The Redstone 2000 Institute is taking reservations for its July and September classes. The course, which will be held in building 5304, is designed to provide attendees with tools to build skills to function in the 21st century. Topics include change, stress, time, and conflict management, Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, communication skills, empowerment, coaching and supporting others, Army Learning Center tour, individual assessments, information transfer process, working in teams, and a four-step problem solving process. The course, though part of the total Redstone 2000 Program, is a stand-alone component. Those that complete the High-Performance Skills course will be eligible for 3-semester hours credit at Athens State University. The course is 64 hours long and is no cost to your organization. July course dates are July 12-15 and 26-29

from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. September course dates are September 13-16 and 20-23. To register for the course, submit your application through TIP request. The vendor is Redstone 2000, and the catalog number is HPS. For more information, call Nancy Hodges 842-9040.

## Government accountants

North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at the Marriott at the Space and Rocket Center. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:15, and speaker at 7. Cost is \$12 per person. For reservations call Sandra Seymour 544-0099.

## Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will celebrate Astronomy Day with free programs 1:30-5 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For information call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

## Genealogy group

The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Huntsville Organizing Unit, will meet 10-noon Saturday at the State Black Archives, Research Center and Museum in Wilson Hall on the campus of Alabama A&M University. For more information, call 858-4283 or Ira Smith 461-7101.

## Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic Community at Bicentennial Chapel announces the following: Rosary is recited daily at 11:30 a.m., followed by either a communion service or Mass at noon.... There will be a Latin Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, and an Outdoor Pentecost Mass on Sunday.

## Veterinary clinic

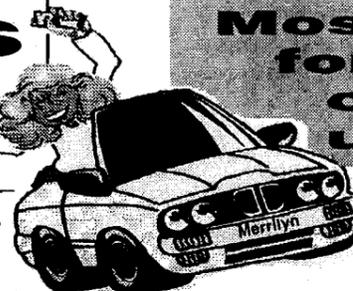
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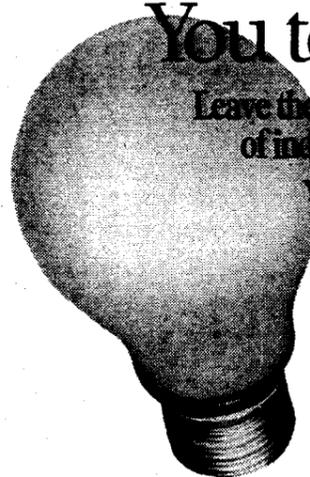


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### Project managers

Tennessee Valley Chapter of Project Management Institute will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Regimental Room (upstairs) at the Redstone Arsenal Club. For more information, call Stan Cagle 851-9020 or Roger Erickson 721-6549, ext. 246.

### Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold a luncheon meeting 11 a.m. May 26 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Steve Dinges, assistant director of Huntsville Planning Department, is scheduled speaker. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

### Thrift Shop job

The Thrift Shop has a job opening for an assistant manager. Applicants must possess the following: knowledge of and experience in retail sales, computer skills, organizational abilities, and experience interacting with volunteers and paid staff. Applications are available at the Thrift Shop during operating hours: Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The deadline for accepting applications is this Friday by the close of business. For more information call Sheila Torongeau, Thrift Shop manager, 881-6992.

### Intelligence group

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Military Intelligence Association will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. May 27 in the Regimental Room, Redstone Arsenal Club. Col. Douglas Brouillette, director of Intelligence and Security at Aviation and Missile Command, is to provide an update on the Balkans. Non-members are welcome and reservations are not required. For more information, call George Lewis 830-3809 or Bob Westerfeldt 971-6533.

### Van Cliburn concert

Legendary pianist Van Cliburn will perform live in concert May 25 at 8:15 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall.

This performance is being presented by the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra. Tickets can be obtained by calling the HSO ticket hotline 539-4818.

### Prayer breakfast

A nondenominational prayer breakfast, sponsored by the IMMC, will be held May 25 at 7 a.m. in building 5309, room 9128 (conference room east end of the Sparkman Center Food Court). Scheduled speaker is John Jude of the Land Combat Directorate, IMMC. No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own if you wish. Everyone is welcome and invited. For information call Ronnie Davis 895-4181.



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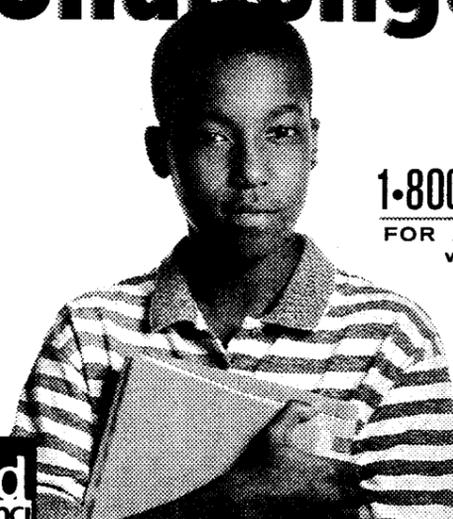
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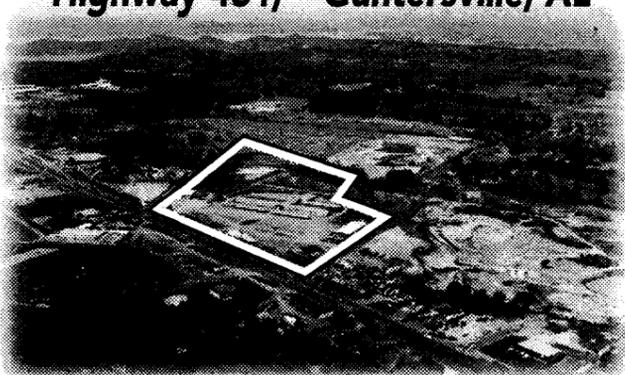
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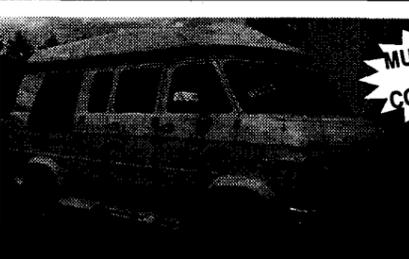
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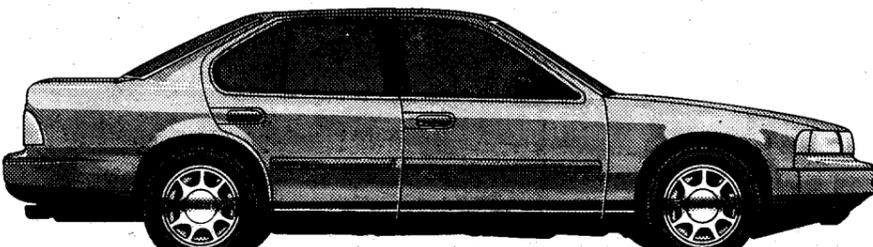
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