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Value engineering goals: better, faster and cheaper

Team Redstone organizations among award recipients at annual Department of Defense ceremony

When a money-saving program achieves 100 percent of its goal, that's pretty good. More than 300 percent is awesome.

And that's just what AMCOM's Value Engineering Program did during fiscal 1999.

"In terms of savings, our total savings for fiscal year '99 was \$257 million," said Tom Reynolds, supervisory general engineer of the industrial operations division in the engineering directorate, RD&E Center. "And that was against an \$80 million goal so we were 321 percent of our goal overall.

"We have 32 organizational elements and 22 of them participated with various VE actions. So it's a very high percentage of participation."

Aviation and Missile Command and

Team Redstone organizations were among the recipients of annual Department of Defense Value Engineering Achievement Awards during a ceremony held May 2 at the Pentagon.

Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Jacques S. Gansler made the presentations.

"Ongoing changes in the DoD value engineering program," Gansler said, "have made it a more powerful tool to optimize See Award on page 6



File photo

MLRS AT READY— The Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office was among the recipients of a Department of Defense value engineering award.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DOGGONE LUCKY— Kim Sumpter presents the first prize check for \$500 to Dexter, winner of the cutest pet contest. Looking on are 4-year-old Brianna, Tammy and Sgt. David Sawyers.

Post Exchange unleashes another sweepstakes winner

By Skip Vaughn

Customers at the Post Exchange just keep on winning contests— even when most of them don't follow the directions.

Sgt. David Sawyers, the latest winner in a contest in exchanges nationwide, was the only entrant from Redstone who actually submitted a photo in the "cutest pet contest." The other entries here only included the contestants' name.

"That's one thing the military taught me: attention to detail," said Sawyers, an active-duty member of the HHC 142nd Signal Brigade, a National Guard communications unit in Decatur.

He won a \$500 check for first prize in the AAFES Week 49 Iams Sweepstakes, a pet photo contest held during the holiday season. Iams makes foods for dogs and cats. The \$1,000 grand prize was won by a contestant from MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla.

This is latest in a series of sweepstakes wins at the PX. In December 1998 a customer here won a Michael Jordan autographed basketball in a contest for all the exchanges in the continental U.S.

"Redstone customers are always winning," Kim Sumpter, sales and merchandise manager at the PX, said. "We've had a lot of people place like at first, second and third prize where they've won something directly from the vendor."

Sawyers won for his photo last December of Dexter, the family's Old English Sheepdog. In the photo, Dexter is wearing a red ribbon around his neck with a brass bell attached. Sawyers and his wife, Tammy, both 25, staged the photo. Their daughter, Brianna, 4, named the dog Dexter after the television cartoon show "Dexter's Laboratory."

"It was a combined effort between all of us," Sawyers said of the contest entry. "It was my idea."

When he first took the photos, the film didn't advance in the camera so he ended up with a blank roll. He then bought a disposable camera, made sure he used the contest-required Fuji film, and tried again.

"It was due the next day," said Sawyers, a satellite operator who is originally from Connersville, Ind. "So we got them developed and picked out the best one and

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Cafeteria team

WDRM's fantastic "Morning Team" has nothing on the Sparkman Center. The Morning Team in our cafeteria is just as great. Al, David, Phillip and Celeste are a bright morning spot even on a cloudy day. Al and company can turn out good food and also brighten things up with a little joking and joshing to send you on to a pretty smile and a friendly hello at the checkout. We sure hope their management appreciates them as much as we do. Thanks to all of you for making this world a better place to live.

Name withheld by request

All the rage

Iam writing this letter in hopes of getting some answers about road rage on the Arsenal. To the middle-aged woman who was driving a dark colored pickup truck on the morning of May 2 on south Patton Road: At approximately 6:50 a.m., I would like to know what caused you to be so angry that you almost created an accident by nearly hitting the side of my car. I thank God you did not hit me in the side or the back while trying to pass me at the second Guard Shack. The speed limit is 25, reducing to 10 mph here. When I came to a stop at the traffic light on Patton Road at the Sparkman Center intersection. I did not appreciate it when you stopped your truck beside me and starting making obscene gestures at me with your finger and using profane language before you made a right turn going into the Sparkman Center. This is so immature of you to be an adult, and acting so childish. You not only endangered me, but also you put other innocent people in danger.

I am sure that I am not the only one in the community who has had similar experiences on the Arsenal. In the near future, if you are in such a big hurry to get to work on time, try leaving home sooner so as not to put innocent people in danger.

Name withheld by request

Commander's letter: Asian Pacific Month

The Aviation and Missile Command will observe National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month from May 1 through 31.

Today, almost 10 million Americans can trace their roots to Asia and the Pacific Islands. People who maintain and honor cultural values and customs brought from other lands have enhanced our work force and national character. Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry have long been a part of that tradition, enriching the fabric of our work force and communities with their unique talents and abilities. This month provides a welcome opportunity to recognize these gifts and to celebrate the daily contributions that Asian and Pacific Americans make to our work force and country's progress.

Asian and Pacific Americans today continue to make substantial contributions to our country and our culture that calls on us to recognize our common human spirit. Scientists and researchers like David Ho untangle the mysteries of

human biology; astronauts like Kalpana Chawla explore the heavens; human rights activists like Dith Pran inspire us with their courage and conviction; athletes like Michele Kwan dazzle us with their grace and endurance; and inspiring leaders like Daniel Inouye and Bill Lann Lee fight for justice and equality for all our people. In the United States of America, the Asian Pacific American community makes up at least 25 different nationalities, more than 75 different languages, and literally hundreds of different ethnic groups. Their belief in the "American Dream of Equality and Opportunity" enabled them to face the challenges of adversity and achieve a record of distinguished service in all fields, which will ensure America's leadership well into the millennium.

The theme for the month is "Voices for the Millennium." Throughout the month, there will be Asian cultural exhibits on display in buildings 5300 and 5304, an essay and display contest, and a

scrambled word puzzle of Asian American Achievers (Who's Who).

The highlight of the month will be the Asian Pacific Program/Festival to be held May 24 from 2:30-5 p.m. The program will begin at the Post Theater, building 3712, from 2:30-4 p.m., and consist of a keynote speaker, entertainment, and an awards presentation. The program will then proceed to the Recreation Center, building 3711, from 4-5 p.m. for the food tasting fair. I encourage all personnel to participate in this annual observance.

Time spent attending the luncheon will not require the use of leave, but must be approved by supervisors.

On the occasion of this special observance, I extend my sincere appreciation to the Asian Pacific Americans of Team Redstone and the Huntsville community for their efforts in contributing to America's excellence.

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan
commander,
AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal

Child care workers

Iwant to express my greatest appreciation for some of the tremendous workers at Child Development Center. First is Myra, who has gone well beyond the call of duty to ensure my 2-year-old, Savanna, obtained a place in the center. Myra is a person who understands the needs of the soldiers on this installation. She understands how hard it is for soldiers to be TDY and worry about things back home. She is a tremendous asset to this installation.

Second, there are three ladies (Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Linda and Mrs. Linda; I do not know last names) in the hourly room that give every inch of their hearts to ensure the children under their care are safe, well feed, and educated. Just the other day I was there having lunch with Savanna (Western Day) and it hit me that so many lessons of life are taught there at the CDC; most of which families seem to not have time to teach anymore. An example is family dining. I watched

as the small children learned manners, how to pass food, how to serve themselves, but most of all how to share a meal with others.

In this day in time, our Army faces many great obstacles from recruiting and retention to erosion of health benefits. One thing I feel is not disappearing is the care provided for my daughter. We often forget that our child care workers are used as recipients of throw up and excretion, food receptacles, moms, dads, teachers, and best friends. The most amazing things is that they do all with very little praise or pats on the back. I would just like to say thank you Redstone Arsenal and to all of the folks I have mentioned in this letter for a job well done! My wife would say "The toughest job in the Army is the Army spouse," but I believe the child care worker ranks right there as well.

Maj. Lewis E. Stewart
Javelin Project Office

Plea answered

Iplaced a plea for help this morning for ideas for arranging child care for my son while my wife takes dialysis treatments. You folks are really wonderful and fortunately I have been inundated with ideas and offers of help.

Unfortunately, I cannot respond to each and everyone of you like I would like. However, I would like to pass along that we have found and secured child care for my son for the entire summer! God bless all of you for your ideas, concerns and prayers!

Mike, Allison and Christopher Neal

No butts about it

Today when I was coming in the Martin Road gate about 11:45, a car in front me flicked a cigarette butt out the window and it almost hit my

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windshield. Last year a person did that to someone and the butt, which was still burning, flew into a teen-ager's window and down his back! It caused severe burns to his hands and back and made him wreck his car into a ditch. The unthinking cigarette smoker went on his

merry way, not knowing what damage his ignorance caused, so they never could charge it to his insurance. I did get this person's car tag number but I didn't do anything with it. Maybe other smokers will be more careful and put their butts in the ashtray if they smoke, since that's what ashtrays were put in cars for!

Ann Jones

Love bug computer virus bites Defense Department, others

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON- "We don't love the Love Bug virus," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said May 4 during a press conference.

The computer virus infected unclassified DoD computers worldwide, Bacon said. The virus never entered classified computers, however, nor did it significantly affect DoD missions.

"We are urging all our people to avoid contact - intimate or not - with the Love Bug virus," Bacon said. DoD's first mission is to protect its computer networks. All DoD computer users were told not to open any e-mail with the phrase "I LOVE

YOU" in the subject field.

A message went out to all DoD commands about the virus. The department is working with Symantec and Network Associates - experts in detecting viruses and developing vaccines. Current anti-virus measures do not detect the Love Bug. DoD officials first will put in filters to screen out the messages and then add a specific vaccine to detect and deal with the virus, Bacon said.

DoD's instructions were for those who received the message to delete it unopened. The Love Bug- also known as LoveLetter - invaded news organizations, companies and other governments.

The Love Bug is a "worm" virus that

Quick response appreciated

On April 27 while working in building 7471, I experienced an allergic reaction.

Thanks to the quick thinking of the staff of building 7471 and the expert attention they rendered to me, the outcome was a good one. I also would like to thank the Redstone Fire Department for their quick response after the call was made. They not only made it easier for me to breathe, they eased the tension I was experiencing trying to figure out what was going on.

A deep heartfelt thanks goes out to my managers, supervisors, and co-workers for their efforts and swiftness in taking control of the situation and contacting my wife in a manner that didn't upset her.

Again my heart goes out to you and it is a blessing to know that kindness, though scarce in some areas of the world, is alive and booming at Redstone Arsenal.

Thomas L. Howell
maintenance mechanic lead,
Chugach Management Services Inc.

spreads through e-mail like a chain letter, officials said. Once a person opens the file in the Microsoft Outlook e-mail application, the virus triggers infected e-mail to everyone in the victim's personal address book. The virus also attacks graphic .jpg files.

DoD first detected the virus in Europe May 4, Bacon said. Computer security

officials said they believe the virus originated in the Philippines.

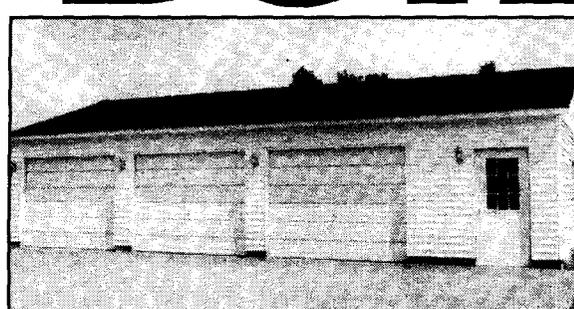
Bacon said DoD will continue to protect its computer networks. DoD computer security experts will provide whatever support they are asked for to law enforcement agencies. (American Forces Press Service)



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Missile school event reunites faculty from years gone by

By Sandy Riebeling

Everyone's getting together again; so who died?

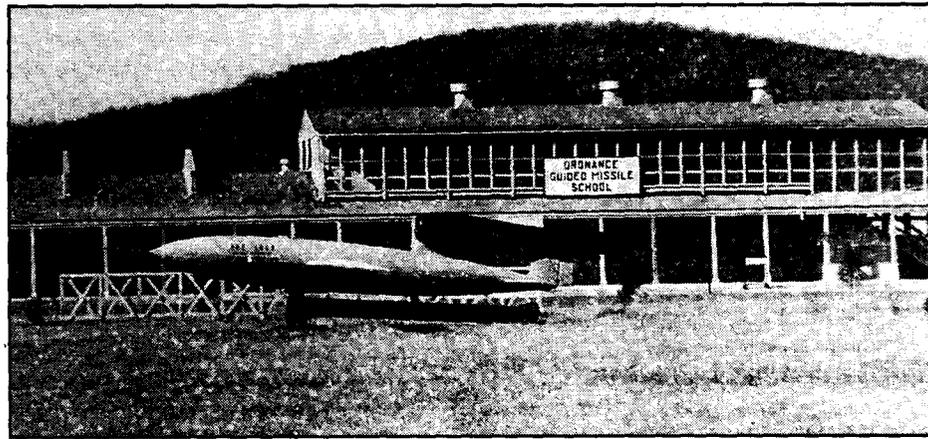
Funerals used to be the only reason for old friends and co-workers from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School to get together, until recently.

June 2 will be the third annual reunion of former faculty and staff of the Arsenal's "missile school," now known as OMMCS.

"It was called the Ordnance Guided Missile School when I worked here back in 1959," Guy McAllister, former OMMCS scriptwriter, said. "Back then, missiles were like magic. Everyone wanted to know about them. It was something no one had seen before."

McAllister retired in 1994 but stayed in touch with several of his former co-workers.

"The only time we would all see each other was at a funeral which, of course, was the worst time for a get-together," McAllister said. "Finally someone actually voiced the thought and that was the genesis of our reunions. Jack Carrigy (retired chief of the directorate of automation and communicative technology for OMMCS) got some people together to form a committee and here we are, advertising for our third reunion."



A LOOK BACK— This is the headquarters for the first Ordnance school at Redstone Arsenal in 1952.

Courtesy photo

There is no guest speaker, no dinner. The \$10 cost of the reunion covers hors d'oeuvres and room rental at the Redstone Officers' and Civilians' Club. Drinks will be available at a cash bar starting at 7 p.m.

"We purposely don't have tables set up because we didn't want people static," McAllister said. "We have plenty of chairs but we wanted to create movement so that people would mix and mingle. If you have tables, no one gets up and talks."

Much thought and planning went into the reunion, beginning in 1998 when the reunion committee had to dig through old records to find addresses and phone numbers.

"When we did find some information, most of it wasn't current," he said. "We spent hours and hours on the phone. Since then we've put it all in a data base and try to do as much e-mailing as possible."

Average attendance for the reunion has hovered around the 350 mark in past years. About 10 new people attend each year, according to McAllister.

"Some people come once and never come back, but then there are those that keep coming."

Since the school's origins in 1952, there have been many changes within the school, from several name changes to the

physical location of buildings to the structure of training. But something that everyone seems to be familiar with is the tornado of 1974 that ripped through the campus of the school, decimating the area.

"It was horrible," McAllister said. "It flattened buildings. Debris was everywhere. And if it weren't for one female trainee who'd seen the tornado and came in yelling for everyone to take cover, people would have died. As it was, there were some injuries but no fatalities."

In no time the school was back in business. It wasn't quite 100 percent, McAllister said, but at least it was operating.

While the tornado wasn't the fondest of memories, it is part of the school's history, and the people who worked and served there. It is the history, tradition and friendship that make these reunions so special.

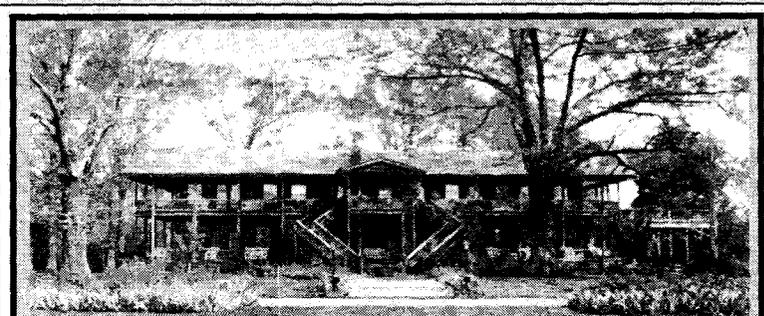
"We really have a good time," he said. "And the most important part is that we're all breathing."

The reunion is open to all civilian and military, present and former OGMS/OMMCS staff and faculty. Response deadline is May 19. Send check payable to: Jack Carrigy, 107 Kettering Drive, Huntsville, AL., 35842. For more information, call Carrigy at 772-3918 or McAllister at 539-1333.

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Army Emergency Relief fund growing to meet goal

Redstone Arsenal Support Activity boosts account by more than \$2,300 with fund-raising activities

By Sandy Riebeling

With community support like RASA's Fund Day, the Army Emergency Relief campaign is well on its way to the \$45,000 goal.

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity fund-raiser offered a cake walk, dunking booth, silent auction, 2-liter ring

toss, bingo, jail and grilled lunches in an effort to raise money for AER.

There wasn't a person in their seats while Donna Johnson commanded the microphone as emcee for the cake walk. Her mouth-watering cake descriptions and personal encouragement had everyone walking in circles.

At least 300 hamburger and hot dog lunches were sold and enjoyed at the event held in the courtyard of building 112.

"I can't say enough about the enthusiasm of Team Redstone to support the soldier," Sgt. Hosea Johnson, AER co-chairman, said while working the button press

for the event. "The weather is on our side and we just want the people to come out and have a good time."

The event raised more than \$2,300. The very next day RASA sponsored a celebrity car wash that brought in another \$450. Total funds collected so far in the campaign nears the \$23,000 mark.

"The campaign is pretty much on track for where we were last year at this time," Capt. Wendy Ward, AER chairman, said. "We are having a few more events than last year, I think, and we still have some events yet to come."

On the AER calendar for this month is the Fun Run/Walk starting at the Sparkman Center today at 1 p.m. The softball tournament is scheduled for Saturday. The Missile Guidance Directorate of the Research Development and Engineering Center is continuing to take orders for T-shirts with RDEC and Redstone Arsenal logos. A golf tournament to benefit AER is scheduled for Friday. Deadline to enter is today. Call Ron Walton at 876-4336 for details.

Also today, a saxophone ensemble from the Huntsville schools will perform in the Sparkman Cafeteria. Donations to the ensemble will go to the AER fund. The ensemble performed at the Post Exchange April 30 and raised \$122 in



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

SILENT AUCTION— After a quick look at the items on the silent auction table, Spec. Robert Vermillion of the Provost Marshal's Office investigates the whereabouts of a wanted fugitive for the AER jail. Ann Owens from Army Community Service points him in the right direction.

donations.

AER funds are used to provide low-interest and interest-free loans to soldiers in emergency situations.



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CAKE WALK— Not only are these people helping out Army Emergency Relief, one of them walked away with a homemade tangy lemon cake.

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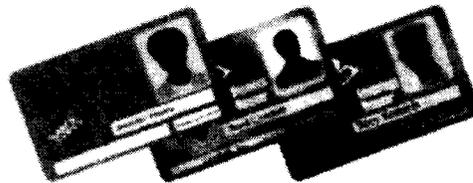
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Value engineering is a systematic function analysis leading to actions or recommendations to reduce the production or operations cost of systems, equipment, facilities, services, and supplies. Its objective is to retain required system performance and quality while reducing cost.

The awards are intended to recognize significant achievements in value engineering during the past fiscal year and to further the use of value engineering by DoD personnel and its contractors. During the last fiscal year, 1,901 in-house value engineering proposals were accepted with projected savings of \$602 million. Another 154 contractor-initiated value engineering change proposals resulted in additional savings of \$23 million.

The value engineering awards program has seven winning categories: (1) program management, (2) individual/team, (3) procurement/contract administration, (4) value engineering professional, (5) field command, (6) installation, and (7) contractor. In addition, a "special" award is given to recognize innovative applications or approaches that expanded the traditional scope of value engineering use.

The DoD Value Engineering Achievement Awards recipients for 2000 are:

- Office of the Secretary of Defense—Special, Laurence Paulson, DoD VE program manager, 1992-99
- Army— Program Management, Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office; Individual/Team, Baton Rouge Value Engineering Team; Professional, Nanette Ramsey, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity; Procurement/Contract Administration, Gerald Taulbee, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Field Command, U.S. Army Industrial Operations Command; Installation, Red River Army Depot; Contractor, Robinson, Stafford &

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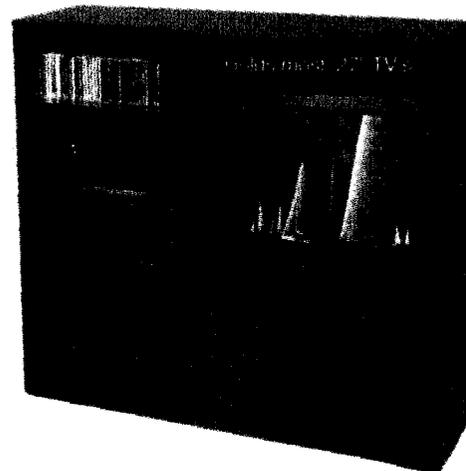


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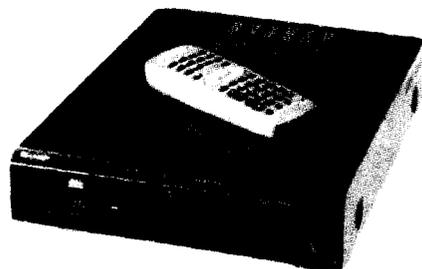
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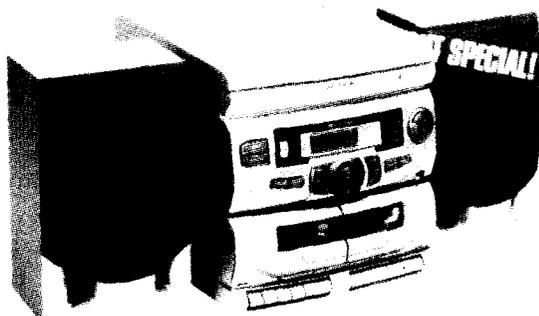
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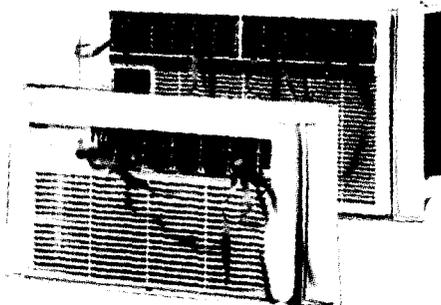
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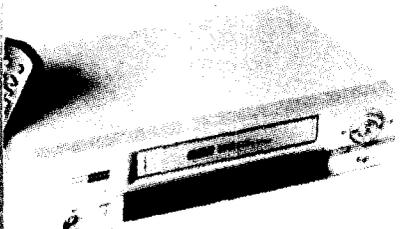
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Christian earns his wings at Corps of Engineers

Col. Robert Christian was promoted to his current rank in a ceremony April 17 at the Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center.

Col. Harry Spear, the Huntsville Center commander, noted Christian was one of four officers selected for promo-

tion from a list of 25 candidates. In his remarks, Christian opened with a poem called, "The Soldier." He thanked his family as well as the entire Huntsville Center family for their encouragement and support.

"If I were to name everyone," he said,

"I would be here all day."

At the ceremony, Christian received the Meritorious Service Medal and the DeFleury Medal. The DeFleury, a medal commissioned by the Engineer Association, recognizes outstanding performance in the regiment.

While at the Huntsville Center, Christian served as the individual mobilization augmentee organization and mobilization officer. He has over 27 years of military service. Some of his previous assignments include chief of operations, Headquarters III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas; deputy commander, U.S. Support Group Haiti and commander of Base Camp Fair Winds, Haiti; chief of opera-

tions, Corps Staff Engineer Section Headquarters III Corps, Fort Hood; and staff operations officer, 412th Engineer Command, Vicksburg, Miss. Christian's next assignment takes him to Fort Hood where he will be the assistant chief of staff for reserve affairs at Headquarters III Corps. He reports for duty May 1.

A native of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Christian holds a bachelor's degree in construction from the University of Houston and a master's degree in management from Florida Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army Management Staff College. (Corps of Engineers release)



Courtesy photo

MEDALIST— Spear, left, presents the DeFleury medal to Christian as Christian's wife looks on.

■ PX family wins cutest pet sweepstakes

Winner

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turned them in the next day."

The exchange headquarters in Dallas notified the PX of the winning entry on March 3. "We've got another winner," Sumpter said. "We're so good at this."

"I didn't realize it was going to be throughout (continental U.S.)," Sawyers

said. "I was like, 'All right! I won!'"

And Tammy's reaction? "Surprised," she said, "gratefully surprised."

Her mother, who works at a veterinary clinic in Bossier City, La., gave her the dog in the spring of 1999. The Sawyers arrived at Redstone Nov. 29 from Fort Gordon, Ga.

"And I must say, out of seven years, this is the best assignment I've ever had," Sawyers said.

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Here comes the judge advocate general

JAG dispels the consumer contracts myth of 'three day cooling-off period'

Dear JAG,

I just bought a new truck yesterday. I am now having second thoughts. I think that the payments are too high and I want to get another model of truck. I heard from a friend that it is possible to cancel any consumer contract within three days of signing it. Is that true?

— Sgt. X

Dear SGT X,

Most consumers are under the false impression that any contract for consumer goods or services can be canceled within three days of signing the contract by notifying the seller in writing of the consumer's intent to cancel. This is commonly referred to as the "three day cooling-off period." The reality is that most contracts for goods or services are binding as soon as they are signed. This means that contracts for goods and services such as automobile sales and leases, computers, entertainment systems, furniture, and club memberships are binding as soon as they are signed and cannot be canceled within three days by the consumer.

The "three day cooling-off period"

only applies to a limited number of types of contracts. These include contracts for consumer goods and services sold door-to-door and contracts that a state has specifically determined can be canceled within three days of signing. A door-to-door sale is a sale of consumer goods or services with a purchase price of \$25 or more, personally solicited by the seller at a place other than the seller's personal place of business (in your home, for example). A written notice of the consumer's right to cancel within three days (right of rescission) is required to be included in such a contract.

Some states have passed laws identifying certain contracts that may be canceled in writing within three days of their signing. Some examples of these contracts include contracts for dating services and health club memberships. However, each state is different regarding the types of contracts they determine may be canceled within the grace period. The State of Alabama Attorney General's Office of Consumer Affairs takes the position that a contract may be canceled only if it specifically states within the contract that it may be canceled within three days at the option of the consumer.

So how does a soldier determine whether or not the contract that the soldier intends to sign is subject to the three day cooling-off period or not? The best course

of action is to bring the contract over to your legal assistance attorney on post before you sign it. Your legal assistance attorney can examine your purchase contract and explain your contract rights to you. However, if you sign your contract prior to having it reviewed, you may bind yourself to a contract that can only be revoked by incurring substantial financial penalties. Most sellers should not have any objections to your seeking legal assistance prior to signing a contract for the purchase of consumer goods or services. If the seller attempts to discourage you from seeking assistance, be suspicious. Do not let a high-pressure sales pitch bind you to a contract that you do not want.

As for your particular circumstance, you should make an appointment with your legal assistance attorney since each case is unique and driven by its own set of facts. As for any appointment with the Legal Assistance Office involving sales contracts, you should bring the purchase contract and any relevant documents with you so that your legal assistance attorney may review them.

(Editor's note: The Legal Assistance Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An appointment with a legal assistance attorney may be made by calling 876-9005 or by e-mail at legalappt@redstone.army.mil. The Legal Assistance Office provides legal assistance



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Serving time...

Wade Griffin, competition advocate, does his five minutes in the AER fund-raiser jail April 27. He can thank his seven employees in the Competition Management Office. The trumped up charges included leaving the scene of a crime, and streaking through the courtyard.

and counseling on a variety of legal issues including: family law (custody, divorce, support...), landlord/tenant law (lease agreements, evictions...), consumer law (sales contracts, debt collection agencies...), military administrative law (Report of Survey, OER/NCOER appeals...), and bankruptcy law. Powers of attorney and will drafting are also available at the Legal Assistance Office. If you have a question for "Ask Your JAG," send it by e-mail to john.faris@redstone.army.mil.)

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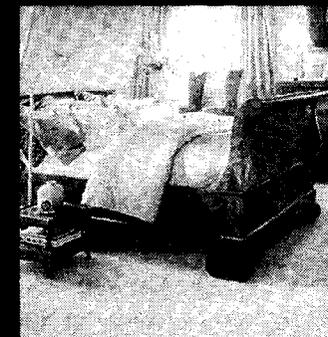
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Program dishes out food for eligible Army families

WIC opens office once a month at Redstone for applications, on-site assessments

By Sandy Riebeling

Kids eat. Kids need to eat healthy. It's up to parents to see that they do.

That's the message behind the Women Infant and Children nutritional assistance program and it's aimed at every adult responsible for the welfare of children.

"Getting a WIC office on post has been a goal of mine for a long time," Linda Greene, registered nurse and home visitor for the New Parent Support Program, said. "We have a lot of military families that qualify for WIC. Having an out station on post will make it easier for the families to get enrolled in the program."

On May 15, Pat Winn, nutrition coordinator with the Alabama Department of Public Health, will visit Redstone and perform on-site assessments for families to qualify for the WIC program.

WIC offers food vouchers to families that meet financial and situational requirements. Eligibility includes pregnant women, breastfeeding women, women with newborns and families with

an infant or child under 5 years old.

Surprisingly, meeting the financial requirement is not all that difficult. Alabama sets the dollar figures at 185 percent of poverty.

Monthly income of an Army sergeant with a family size of three, with up to 26 years in the service, meets the financial requirements to qualify for the WIC program.

"Something that we really need to stress is that our soldiers are entitled to this program," Mary Breeden, program manager, relocation assistance coordinator, Army Community Service, said. "This is not a handout. If you qualify, you should be signed up for the program. The Army pay system is just not supporting Army families."

Foods approved for the Alabama WIC program include fruit juices, peanut butter, dried peas or beans, infant cereal, infant juice, cereals, eggs, cheese, milk, baby formula and for mothers who are breastfeeding, carrots and tuna are added to the list.

"The food does more for the family than just feed the children," Greene said. "While that is the first benefit, it has a cascading effect on the family. Parents won't have to listen to crying children and worry over how they are going to feed them. That reduces family stress levels. It also frees the parent to concentrate on other aspects of parenting. It makes happier families. It's a good program."

The WIC office will not be maintained actively throughout the month. Winn will come to the Arsenal once a month, using the kitchen facilities at the NPSP Playhouse located in the housing area near the Post Exchange at 1220-B LaCrosse Drive.

The initial assessment visit will include gathering information about the family such as income and number and age of people in the home. A small blood sample is taken from each child to check for anemia and each child is weighed.

"We think Pat will be able to give out vouchers on that day," Greene said. "But since this is the first time we're doing it,



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

HEALTHY FOODS— The Army is bringing the Women Infants and Children program one step closer to the families on Redstone that need it. A WIC representative will come to the post monthly to register families for the program. Breeden, left, and Greene collect some of the foods eligible through the program.

I'm not positive they will be available." Scheduled appointments are required and can be arranged by calling 876-5397.

"This isn't the same as food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children," Greene said. "Just because you don't qualify for those programs, doesn't See WIC on page 11

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■ Army families may qualify for food program

WIC

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mean you won't qualify for WIC. There are so many families here that qualify and simply don't know they do, or don't know about the program."

Financial guidelines to qualify for WIC consider only base pay. Special allowances do not have to be included. A family of one can earn up to \$1,288 monthly. A family of two can earn up to

\$1,735. A family of three can earn up to \$2,182 monthly. A family of four can earn up to \$2,629. A family of five can earn up to \$3,076.

Of course, the family still must meet the situational requirements.

If a family is interested in applying to the program before May 15 or cannot make an appointment for that day, appointments can be made at the downtown Huntsville office by calling 539-3711.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Future scientists...

Dr. Bruce Fowler, chief scientist for the Advanced Systems Directorate of the Research Development and Engineering Center, presents a talk on being a rocket scientist to fourth and fifth graders at West Huntsville School, April 20 under the auspices of the AMCOM Speakers Bureau program.

DoD upholds privacy in alleged sexual misconduct case

By Linda Kozaryn

WASHINGTON-- Defense officials are standing firm in maintaining the privacy of the general officers involved in the latest sexual misconduct allegations drawing media attention.

According to a March 30 story in "The Washington Times" newspaper, Army Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy accused Army Maj. Gen. Larry G. Smith of groping her in her Pentagon office in 1996. Kennedy is assigned here as the Army deputy chief of staff for intelligence. Smith is a special assistant to the commander of the Army Materiel Command and at the time of the allegation was commander of the Army Security Assistance Command in Alexandria, Va.

The day after the story appeared, Defense Secretary William Cohen acknowledged to reporters that he had heard about the complaint, but added, "I have not had any discussion on the subject matter. And frankly, since a complaint has been filed, I am not in a position to comment, other than to say we maintain a

zero-tolerance policy, that no harassment at any level is going to be acceptable or tolerated, and that the process should go forward and will go forward."

Pentagon spokesman Adm. Craig Quigley held this ground despite reporters' repeated queries at Pentagon news briefings April 4 and 6.

"Any time that an allegation is made against an individual in the armed forces, both the individual that makes the allegation and the individual against whom the allegation is made have every right to expect discreetness in the pursuit of investigation into those allegations," he said.

Some allegations prove grounded and some do not, he added. Military people do not surrender their rights to privacy, he said, regardless of their rank or the fact they serve in the armed forces. Quigley said DoD has a good track record of disclosing the details -- after an investigation is finished.

"And that is the appropriate time to do it," he stressed. (American Forces Press Service)

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Consulting firm goes to bat for prep athletes

Item manager's business goal is to net scholarships for local sports stars

By Sandy Riebeling

Most high school athletes have dreams of glory—to play on the college sports team they've been watching since they were old enough to throw a ball or grip a bat.

Danny Johnson understands those dreams. He's lived them. And now he's helping high school athletes across North Alabama make their sports dreams come true.

"I played high school football and had all those dreams myself," Johnson, item manager for the Multiple Launch Rocket System, said. "I've been a teacher and a coach. I know what it means to the players to sign on at the college they've been dreaming of. I also know that coaches just don't have the time to promote every player."

That's where Johnson and his consulting firm, Diamond in the Rough, come into play. Johnson's purpose is to publicize and provide exposure of high school athletes to colleges or universities of their choice. The goal is to inform colleges about student athletes that are interested in attending their institutions as well as obtaining scholarships for those athletes.

"Teams are made up of one or two superstars and then the rest of the players," Johnson said. "You know the superstar is going. He's the one everyone is looking at. But what about the rest of the team—the lineman blocking for that



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

MAKING THE PLAY— Johnson's firm promotes high school athletes to colleges and universities of the student's choice, in the hopes of earning scholarships and a spot on the team.

future Heisman trophy winner. He deserves to be noticed too. That's what I do. I get the information about these other players into the hands of coaches and scouts so that when they do come, they can take a look at the other players interested in playing for that particular college or university."

Diamond in the Rough offers consulting services for band, basketball, tennis, baseball, hockey, wrestling, track, golf, volleyball, soccer, softball, swimming, gymnastics, cheerleading and football.

The firm utilizes several media meth-

ods to gain exposure for their high school athlete clients, including a full listing with pictures and statistics on their website. Services also include creating an individual sports biography with coach and player comments sent to colleges and universities of the client's choice. The client's information is also listed in the Diamond in the Rough magazine sent to more than 700 schools.

In addition to these services, clients can choose package plans that include 20x30 inch sports posters featuring the athlete in their respective school uniforms as well as Diamond in the Rough sports T-shirts. Plans range from \$300-\$400, depending on the services and products requested by the client.

"Am I doing anything that a parent couldn't do?" asked Johnson. "No. But it's just like any other service. You can go home and cook a meal or you can eat out. It's about convenience, experience, and know how. I put these packages together and get them out to the colleges to be seen and hopefully, get these athletes to college on a scholarship."

Johnson has already experienced success with several of his clients from the Bulter High School girls basketball team. Tara Taylor just recently signed with the University of Florida. Johnson helped his first client, Joe Washington, get a scholarship to the University of North Alabama. Not long after, he assisted Brian Lovejoy from Madison Academy in capturing a scholarship to Alabama A&M University.

"Athletes can benefit from our service as early as their sophomore year," Johnson said. "Colleges recruit student athletes during their sophomore and jun-

ior years. They just come back to check on them periodically. And then there are those that bloom a little later and need to be publicized."

Johnson knows what it means, as an athlete, to earn a college scholarship. He was the fifth to be signed at West Alabama on a football scholarship. He completed his bachelor's degree at Miles College in Birmingham also on a football scholarship.

"I was the 10th of 11 children. I grew up in a two-bedroom home. We weren't 'poor' we were 'po,'" Johnson said laughing. "We couldn't afford the whole word. But at the same time I was the richest kid in the neighborhood. My mother and father loved me and told me I could be anything I wanted to be as long as I kept my hands clean. And I did."

After he completed college he worked for the mayor of Birmingham for a year then took a teaching and coaching job at West End High School in Birmingham, his alma mater. A few years later he was hired by the government and attended an engineering and logistics school in Texas. His job eventually brought him to Redstone and the MLRS Project Office.

Johnson was sitting at his desk at work one day when the consulting idea came to him.

"It was a God thing," said Johnson, also an associate minister at Draper Memorial Church of God in Christ. "The Lord just gave it to me and I started writing everything down. I didn't have to search for the answers. Everything that went with this business—He just laid it in my lap."

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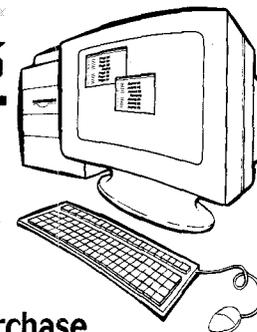
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NCO Academy students help Hoop Mania with goals

NCO Academy soldiers helped give the annual Hoop Mania basketball shootout a place to play last weekend.

Students of the Advanced NCO Class 55D40-002-00 unloaded the basketball goals, assembled them and set them up in the parking lot at Joe Davis Stadium. Hoop Mania, a four-on-four basketball tournament to raise money for the American Red Cross, was held May 6-7.

"The class was eager to help out when they heard the Red Cross needed assistance," SFC Marcus Markham, the small group leader for the class, said. "They were glad to lend a hand to an organization that helps soldiers and families in time of crisis. The Noncommissioned

Officer Academy does a lot of community projects but this one was special."

Markham and the 10 students set up 47 basketball goals and then disassembled them after the tournament. "That's like setting up 47 separate basketball courts," he said.

The competition pits four-person teams with a time limit and draws athletes from throughout Madison County, ages 12 and up. The American Red Cross holds Hoop Mania contests nationwide.

The students included SSgt. David Boling, SFC Thomas Borgerding, SFC Timothy Frey, SSgt. Gregory Hodge, SFC Robert A. Moore, SFC James Nearpass, SFC Donald Perry, SFC Mark Sprouse, SFC Ruben Stoeltje and SFC Paul Wolak.

■ New firm promotes athletes to college of their choice

Promotion

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Johnson began the business in his home but quickly outgrew his office. He moved to a location on Memorial Parkway that also proved to be too small. "God doesn't do anything little," Johnson

said smiling. "He has big dreams for all of us. This was just mine."

The grand opening for his new Diamond in the Rough location at 4820 University Drive is scheduled for May 27. For more information, contact the following website address: www.diamondintheroughinc.com.

Casey wins ladies spring handicap golf tournament

Mary Casey won the Spring Handicap Tournament sponsored by Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association.

Forty-five women competed in the April 19 event at Redstone Golf Course.

Here are the results:

Longest drive— Linda Leonard and Rosalie Horton

Closest to the pin— Lois Goodman

First flight— 1. Joy McGuire; 2. Jill Kirkham; 3. Virginia Payne; 4. Tammy Weaver

Second flight— 1. Marina Jarvis; 2. Linda Thompson; 3. Jackie Shores; 4. Beverly Van Oostrum

Third flight— 1. Dianna Wilson; 2. Beverly Payne; 3. Jane Robinson; 4. Sun Morgan

Fourth flight— 1. Nancy Reilly; 2. Sally Clark; 3. Rosalie Horton; 4. Pat White

Fifth flight— 1. Mary Casey; 2. Betty Butler; 3. Ann Means; 4. Sonia Gojza.

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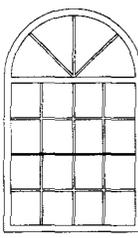
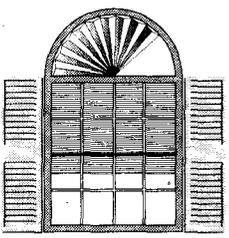
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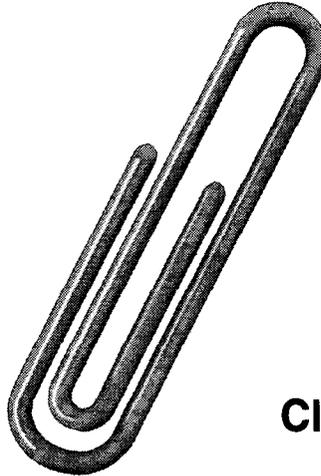
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Does Uncle Sam want you?

Army recruiters' challenge is finding qualified applicants for today's high tech force

By Beth Skarupa

If you're qualified to join the Army, watch out. SFC Andrew Wynn just might convince you that it's the right thing for you to do. But only a few of the people who talk to this recruiter each month are qualified to be soldiers in today's high tech Army.

"In this recruiting station, we are very successful. We don't have a problem recruiting. The only problem we have, a lot of people are not qualified. Everybody thinks they can get in the Army, but everybody can't get in the Army," Wynn said.

Only 13 percent of Americans qualify because they have to pass a test and a physical and they cannot have any law violations, according to Wynn. He said there are a lot of requirements that keep people from being able to join the Army.

SFC Norman Young, the recruiting station commander for Huntsville and Madison, agrees. He and Wynn, like the rest of his staff, are looking for young, educated people to be in the military because even the infantry equipment has become so technical now that only those with high test scores can operate it.

Young is in charge of one of the most successful recruiting stations in his brigade. Three of the top recruiters in the

area are members of his staff. Wynn is the top regular Army recruiter, SFC Grady Burrell is the top Army reserve recruiter and SSgt. Bobby Jones is the top new Army recruiter.

Young said his top recruiters are aggressive self-starters who are not afraid to go out and talk to people. He described them as very intelligent people who know what they are talking about when they approach someone. They are able to dismantle "roadblocks," or reasons people give them for not joining the Army, and even make those people realize that enlisting is in their best interest.

Unlike the stereotype of a recruiter who says anything to get someone to join, Wynn uses the truth to convince applicants to enlist. His love for the Army and his desire to do his best at whatever he does have made him the top recruiter in his battalion, including all of Alabama and the panhandle of Florida.

"You couldn't ask for a better recruiter. If I sent him out there, I know for a fact that this guy could bring me three or four quality contracts a month, which he does," Young said.

"I have seen him talk to somebody who was dead against the Army, dead set against it, didn't like anything about it, and less than spending a half a day with sergeant Wynn they'll come back in ready to join the Army. But he never tells somebody something that's not true. He loves the Army, he has nothing but good things to say about it, and he's good at telling his life experience."

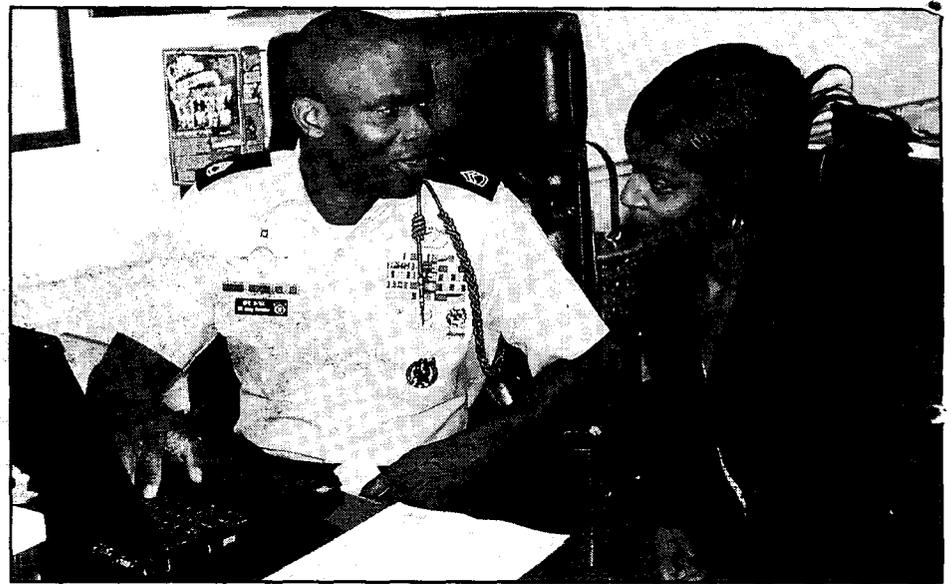


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SIGNING UP— Wynn, left, helps his latest recruit Nicole Harvey fill out paperwork so she can enlist in the Army.

Wynn joined the Army when he was 18. Although two universities offered him full soccer scholarships, his mother (who had been sick for several months) asked him to go into the military. She died before they could talk about it more, so he kept his promise.

"She wanted me to join because I was the youngest and because of the discipline and structured environment. I was a good kid with good grades but I guess she could see something I couldn't see," Wynn said.

After 13 years in the Army, Wynn has no regrets. He has been in three conflicts— Panama, Somalia and Saudi Arabia — and is proud of his choice to become a soldier.

Wynn became a detail recruiter three years ago and has been extended 10 more months. Once this detail ends, he expects to be sent to Korea or Kuwait and then back to Fort Bragg, N.C. He plans to earn a master's degree while completing his

Army career, then become a teacher when he retires from the military.

"The recruiters before me used to babysit kids and beg them to join the Army," Wynn said. "Now the way we recruit, we quickly let people know that we don't beg nobody to join the Army, we don't tell them what they want to hear. They join the Army for themselves, not for us, because I get paid if they join or they don't join. That's the mentality. We're here to help, we're here to do anything in the community, but people join the military for themselves and the country, not for a recruiter."

Wynn and the other recruiters in his station ensure that applicants know all the benefits before they join. They take the applicants to Redstone Arsenal and show them around and explain incentives such as the \$50,000 Army College Fund, the \$65,000 college loan repayment and the \$20,000 enlistment bonus.

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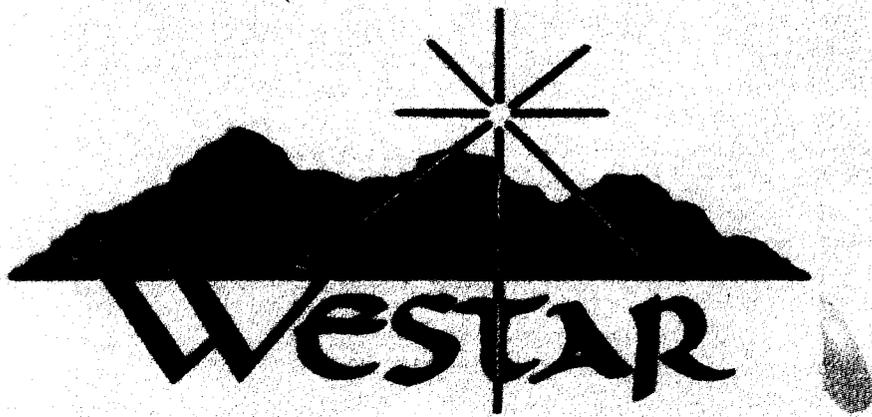
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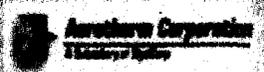
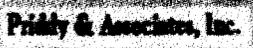
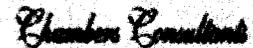
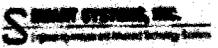
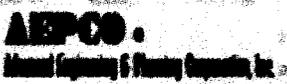
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AER run/walk

The AMCOM Command/Staff Offices AER Fun Run/Walk will be held today from 1-3 p.m. at Burose Road and entrance into Sparkman Center. The event is open to everyone. Proceeds will benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund. There will be door prizes for those who register for this event or make a donation of \$3. For tickets call Margaret Banish-Donaldson 842-0558; April Brooks 842-6944; Edna Dye 876-6464; Jean Evans 842-0107; Dorothy Hosea 876-7138; Janice Powell 876-1770; Zakiyyah Shakoor 876-8136, Jackie White 876-3591 or Randy Showers 876-3000.

Dependents golf tournament

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association has been selected to play host to the 39th annual Military Dependents Tournament, Sept. 10-14. Legal female, adult dependents (18 years or older and an amateur golfer) of active duty, retired, Reserve component or deceased service personnel of the five U.S. armed forces are eligible to apply. The field is limited to the first 160 applicants with the lowest handicaps who return their entries by June 1. Contestants are required to show a

valid military ID card when registering. All contestants compete in an Open Division that has been pre-flighted according to handicaps. There is a separate Queens Flight for women 70 and older. Play will be 54 holes of stroke play and the champion will be the contestant with the lowest gross score for the tournament, regardless of the flight in which she plays. Also, a low net winner over the field will be recognized. For tournament applications and more information call Fran Sullivan, tournament director, 883-8804 or Marie Maksimowski, tournament chairman, 881-2924.

Active duty golfers

The Commander's Cup golf competition will be held at 7:30 a.m. May 19 at the Redstone Golf Course. The post championship will be held at 7:30 a.m. May 20-21. There's no entry fee for this competition which is open to active duty only. There will be food and beverages after play May 19 and May 21. For more information, call the Redstone Golf Course 883-7977.

Swimming pools

Redstone swimming pools are scheduled to open at 11 a.m. May 27. Pool 1 (Vincent Drive) will be open each day except Monday; pool 2 (Challenger Club)

will be open weekends only until June 12 and will then be open each day except Tuesday; and Pool 3 (Goss Road) will be open each day except Wednesday. Beginning Aug. 21, pools 1 and 2 will close on weekdays and the last day for all pools to be open for the 2000 summer season is Sept. 4. Season swim passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday, and at the Recreation Center, building 3711 from 1:30-8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Family season passes are \$45, individual season passes \$35. Daily passes for non-season pass holders and all guests are \$2 and must be purchased as you enter the pool. Swim lessons will also be offered this summer. There are eight lessons per session (within a two week period) and each session is \$15. Signups for swim lessons will begin May 25 at pool 3 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

Boating safety

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center will sponsor the Alabama Marine Boating Basics class presented by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The class will be May 23-24 from 6-9 p.m. at the

Richard C. Shelby Center for Missile Intelligence, building 4544, Fowler Road on the Arsenal. The class is free and open to the Redstone community and their families. Participants must be at least 12 years old and provide proof of age. Registration deadline is May 17. The state license examiner will be present to issue a receipt to those who pass the course. For more information, call Robert Thompson 313-7646.



Miscellaneous

Scholarship applications

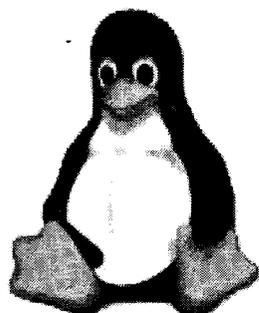
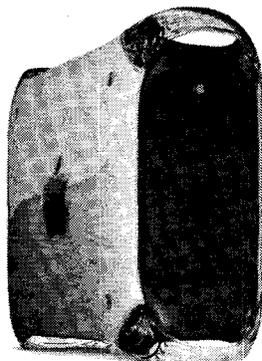
The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) has scholarship applications available upon request. The envelope must be postmarked by May 15. For more information, call Arnita Lee 876-8082 or Susan Douglas 876-6757.

Marshall open house

It's not every day the public can step into the world of rocket scientists, meet an astronaut, or take a sky-dive simulation ride. Yet these are just a few of the free, out-of-this-world experiences on tap May 20 when Marshall Space Flight Center opens its doors from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Safety week presentation

The IMMC extends an invitation to the Redstone Community to join it at a presentation by the American Red Cross from 9-10 a.m. Thursday in the Bob Jones Auditorium at Sparkman Center. The presentation will cover such topics as First Aid, Rescue Breathing Techniques, Choking Procedures and a CPR Overview; along with videos and demonstrations. This presentation has been arranged in conjunction with other command activities in observance of National Safety Week. For more information, call Deanna King 842-6736 or Jane Greer 876-2362.

Bus trip to Lynchburg

Tennessee Valley Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America is planning a bus trip for AAAA members and guests to the Jack Daniel's Distillery, May 20, (bus leaves at 12:30 p.m., returns to Madison about 8 p.m.). Meet at Meadow

Green Centre parking lot (AEPCO Office, 9238 Madison Boulevard, building 2, suite 110. Second stop at 1 p.m. Winn Dixie Parking lot, N.E. corner of Patterson Road and highway 231, Meridianville, Ala. Cost is \$25 per person (includes bus transportation, tour, barbecue and open bar). Due to the "open bar" during the barbecue, this event will be for adults (over the age of 21) only. For reservations and information, call Phyllis Heberer 461-9191.

Test and evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency is sponsoring the Army T&E Days 2000, "Assessing DoD Test and Evaluation: Accomplishments, Issues, and the Evolution Ahead" on July 25-27 at the Von Braun Center. This year the conference will include two short courses the first day; keynote speakers, presentations, and panel sessions the second/third days. An exposition will be held July 26-27. The exposition will expand on the conference theme and is open to government and industry partners. Information regarding the programs, courses, exposition, registration, etc. can be accessed at the following website: www.testevaldays.com. For more information call Mike McFalls, the T&E Conference chairman, 876-3462.

Plant sale

Aviation Systems Directorate will hold its

fourth annual plant sale for Army Emergency Relief from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the northeast end of the parking lot at building 5309.

Poppy sale

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5162 (South Huntsville Post) will have its annual "Buddy Poppy" drive at Redstone Arsenal, May 26-29. Post 5162 will accept donations for the Buddy Poppy at three locations in the Post Exchange area.

If a donation of \$5 or more is made, a commemorative coin or key ring will be given to the donor as long as supplies last. All proceeds received from the Buddy Poppy drive go to help needy veterans and their families.

Shirt sale

The Missile Guidance Directorate (of AMRDEC) is sponsoring a shirt sale for the AER fund. Three different type shirts See Announcements on page 19



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Mayfest fun...

It was a family affair at the Soldatenstube April 29 as hundreds of people visited the Mayfest. The Redstone Fire Department's ladder truck was centered in the parking area, surrounded by classic cars from the North Alabama Antique Car Club and two-wheeled mean machines supplied by the Redstone Riders Motorcycle Club. Lively Polka music could be heard around the grounds as hungry patrons enjoyed the German cuisine. Of course, there was fun for the kiddies-- face painting, a May pole, horseshoe pits and the ever-popular moon bounce. Clowns mingled among the crowds, handing out animal balloons. "This is turning out to be a great day," Robert Schumann, Soldatenstube manager, said, referring to the parting clouds in the sky. "Events like this help us to get the word out that we're here as well as give us the opportunity to get involved in the community." The Soldatenstube is located on Gray Road, near School Age Services building.



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Nutrition program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program will screen military families and issue vouchers May 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New Parent Support Program Playhouse. The Playhouse is located at 1220-B Lacrosse Drive. Appointments may be made by calling Army Community Service 876-5397. The

assessment usually takes half a hour to 45 minutes. For more information, call Mary Breeden or Virginia Dempsey 876-5397. Eligibility for WIC is based on nutritional needs and limited income. Families who already qualify for Medicaid, food stamps, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) probably qualify for WIC. Income qualifications for military families are determined by base pay and do not include housing and other allowances.

Aviation group scholarships

Attention members of the Tennessee Valley Chapter, Army Aviation Association of America: The AAAA National Scholarship Foundation will award approximately \$200,000 in scholarships, grants, and interest free loans, for the academic year 2000. AAAA members, their spouses, unmarried siblings, and unmarried children of current or deceased members are eligible. Chapter members can apply for all of the national awards. Starting in 2000, six \$2,000 awards and one of \$4,000 are dedicated solely for award to our chapter's qualified entering freshmen. If there aren't enough qualified chapter freshman applicants, the awards will go to qualified chapter upperclassmen applicants. To qualify for national awards in 2000, you must have been a

member of AAAA by May 1, 1999. For awards dedicated to this chapter, you also must have been affiliated with the chapter by the same date. All applications must be postmarked to national by June 1. To obtain an application kit or more information, call AAAA national 800-722-2769, or e-mail: aaaa@quad-a-org. For routine scholarship questions, call Jack Bertelkamp, chapter vice president for scholarship, 964-8460, ext. 103, or e-mail: jackbert@aol.com. He doesn't have the kits.

Technical/business symposium

The 16th annual Technical and Business Exhibition and Symposium (TABES 2000) will be held May 30 through June 1 at the Von Braun Center. Sponsored by the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies, this is an international symposium addressing critical issues in business, defense, space and environment. For more information, call 882-1221.

Commemorative stamps

As part of the U.S. Postal Service "Celebrate the Century" series of 150 commemorative stamps, the Postal Service has selected and issued four stamps which recognize the sacrifices of Americans who fought in World Wars I and II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. These stamps are available on 10-stamp panes and can be purchased from your local U.S. Post Office or on the Postal Service website (www.uspc.com and click on "stamps").

Family team building

"Stop, in the name of love!" is an Army Family Team Building concept class that will be offered Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491. Topics will include relationship building, stress management, communication,

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System reliability paper

Mike Danesh, an engineer with Patriot Project Office, has written a paper titled "System Reliability For Precision Missilery." With technical challenges that we are facing for the new generation of our missiles, system reliability is becoming more and more critical, Danesh says. He has developed this paper based upon a decade of experience with Patriot system. This paper has been accepted by Military Operations Research Society which will be held this summer at Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. His other work includes a theory that links Linear Signal Processing to Reliability Engineering. For more information, call him at 955-3656 or send him an e-mail at the following address: mike.danesh@patriot.redstone.army.mil.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual picnic at

11 a.m. Thursday at the NASA Picnic Area. Menu includes chicken, baked beans, potato salad, bread, and soft drink. There will be games and door prizes. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and get ready to relax and have fun. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members. For reservations, call Janet Siersma 955-3890.

Computer job

Decision System Technologies Inc. is searching for qualified applicants for a position as Unix systems administrator. For more information, call DSTI-Dayton at (800) 250-4094.

Mr. Man premiere

The 10th annual "Mr. Man Premiere," a presentation of S.B. Productions, will be held in August at Redstone Arsenal. Selected men will compete in style, finesse, performance and personality for the title of Mr. Man. All contestants will be escorted and assisted by female models. For more information, call Samuel Brown 233-4702 or pager 650-7736.

Asian Pacific Month contests

In commemoration of National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, AMCOM/OMMCS EEO/EO are conducting essay and display contests. Essays should be double spaced, 12-point

font size, two pages or less, and pertain to this year's theme, "Voices for the Millennium." Displays and essays must be completed by close of business May 17. Judging will take place by May 18. Mail or fax essays to: AMCOM EEO Office, AMSAM-EO, Attn: SFC Bryant 876-8648 or C. Clark 876-3591 (fax 876-8947); and OMMCS, Attn: ATSK-AE, Attn: SFC Quesenberry 876-9224 (fax 842-6853). Plaques will be awarded for the top three essays. The observance's committee members will be judges for the Puzzle of Asian American Achievers (Who's Who). The first five entries will be recognized during the Asian Program, May 24 at the Post Theater. Deadline for entries is close of business May 18. Mail your entry to AMCOM EEO Office, Attn: AMSAM-EO (C. Clark), or entries may be faxed to 876-8947.

Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program at 10. Scheduled speaker is Darrell Baker, director of the Telecommunication Division of the Alabama Public Service Commission. See Announcements on page 21



Courtesy photo

Acquiring master's...

Gayle Franklin, a contract specialist in the base operations division at the Acquisition Center, will receive a master of arts degree from the University of Alabama-Huntsville on May 14. She is graduating with a 4.0 grade point average.

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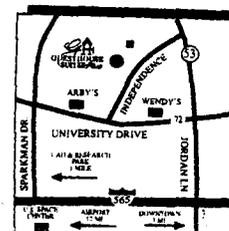
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Baker is to describe the role of his division and introduce new products and services soon to be available. He will also advise on how to select the best options for the consumer. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Mullins Restaurant. For more information, call retired Col. Jim Allred 882-6286.

Prayer breakfast

The monthly non-denominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the IMMC, will be held at 7 a.m. May 23 in Sparkman building, 5308, room 8124 (conference room). Dr. Darwin Overholt, executive director/pastor of Downtown Rescue Mission, is the scheduled speaker. "No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own or come and feast on the spiritual food that will be served," a prepared release said. "Everyone is welcome and invited, so join us for prayer, praise and fellowship." For information, call Clifton Canady 313-1317.

Army family members

Are you new to the Army life? Interested in meeting new people? Army Family Team Building's "Introduction to Army Life" will be held 6-9 p.m. May 16 and 17 at building 3548, 832nd Ordnance Battalion headquarters. This class will help you understand military terms, acronyms, customs and courtesies, and more. To register call 842-8375. Child care is provided.

Parent education workshop

A Parent Education Workshop will be held May 17 from 11 a.m.-noon at the Youth Center, building 3148. "Join us for this presentation of spring and summer activities for children 4 weeks and up," a prepared release said.

"This free Parent Education Workshop will help parents learn how activities such as water play, prop boxes, art activities, and science activities can enhance your child's learning skills." For more information or to register, call 876-7801.

Environmental assessment

The Space and Missile Defense Command has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA), prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council of Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts related to the use of modified facilities on Redstone Arsenal for the final assembly and checkout of exoatmospheric kill vehicles for the National Missile Defense program. The EA is available at the following locations: Alabama A&M University, J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center; Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St.; Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Madison Branch; University of Alabama-Huntsville Library; and AMCOM Environmental Office, building 112. Public comments on the EA will be accepted through May 20. Submit written comments to: Space and Missile Defense Command, Attn: SMDC-EN-V (Vanessa Turner), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL., 35807-3801.

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Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Look at me, Mom...

Mary Onanian's son Andrew, 14, tries out a Black Hawk cockpit simulation exercise at Software Engineering Directorate during "Take Our Daughters/Sons to Work Day," April 27. Onanian is a logistics management specialist in the Singapore Apache Office of the Security Assistance Management Directorate.

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Tuberculosis screening

Followup screening for Child Development Center students, workers and family members who received a screening test Feb. 25 or Feb. 28 will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 16 at Bicentennial Chapel. Readings of the test will be held May 18 during the same time period. This testing is strictly voluntary and is intended to detect any cases that might not have shown up as positive during the first round of testing.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting May 18 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Marvin Whitted 842-2879.

Astronomical society

Dr. Valerie Connaughton is to present a program on "Astronomy in Ireland, the Rosse Observatory" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For more information on this program, sponsored by the Von Braun Astronomical Society, call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Resume workshop

An interview winning resume emphasizes what you have to offer an employer. On May 23 from 1-2 p.m., Army Community Service will sponsor a workshop that will help you tailor your resume to highlight your skills and abilities that are important to the position you are applying for. To register call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Yard of the month

The 2000 Yard of the Month competition is under way at Redstone. Judging will take place from 8-11 a.m. on the following dates:

May 15, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14 and Sept. 11. The "marshal" and the Family Housing Office wish the residents good luck.

Free handbook

Army Community Service is offering free copies of the Handbook for Military Life available at its location on Honest John Road.

Thrift shop job

The Thrift Shop has an opening for an afternoon cashier. Hours are 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every other Friday, and alternate first Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Applications can be obtained at the Thrift Shop during business hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. For more informa-

tion, call 881-6992.

Computer virus alert

The computer "I love you" bug and copy cats have hit. To protect against VBS.LoveLetter and copy cat variants such as "Very Funny" and "Mother's Day," do not open "I love you" e-mail or any e-mail bearing an unfamiliar sender/subject line or that is not official business, such as jokes.

Mother's Day buffet

Join the Redstone Officers' and Civilians' Club for the Mother's Day buffet, May 14 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the ROCC for \$14.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children ages 7-12; and children 6 and under are admitted free. The special price for mothers is \$9.95. For more infor-

mation, call 830-CLUB.

Panthers class of 1960

The Huntsville High School Class of 1960 will hold its class reunion June 16-17 at the Huntsville Hilton. Any help in locating former class members would be appreciated. For more information call Ken Coulter (kencoulter@bellsouth.net), 882-3284) or Gertrude Strong Watson (Gertrude.Watson@HSV.Boeing.com), 539-8536.

Jaguars class of 1980

The Johnson High School Class of 1980 will hold its 20-year reunion Aug. 4-6. Packages are available at Johnson High School and at the Richard Showers Center. For more information call Andre Harris 851-6104, Dawn Reed Miller 885-0237 or Paul Proctor 534-6675.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Feels so good...

The Wellness Center's Health Fair 2000 at the Sparkman Center Monday featured information booths, health screenings and several massage therapists. Sgt. Paul Berry, NCO-in charge of physical therapy for MEDDAC, gets a mini-massage from Carolyn Neal, who operates an on-site massage business. Just a few booths down the row, Robert Peagler, from the Command Analysis Directorate, kicks back and relaxes during a reflexology session with Many Morris.



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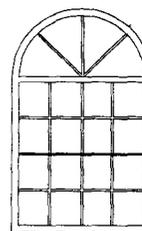
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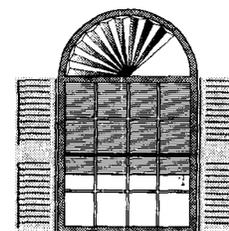
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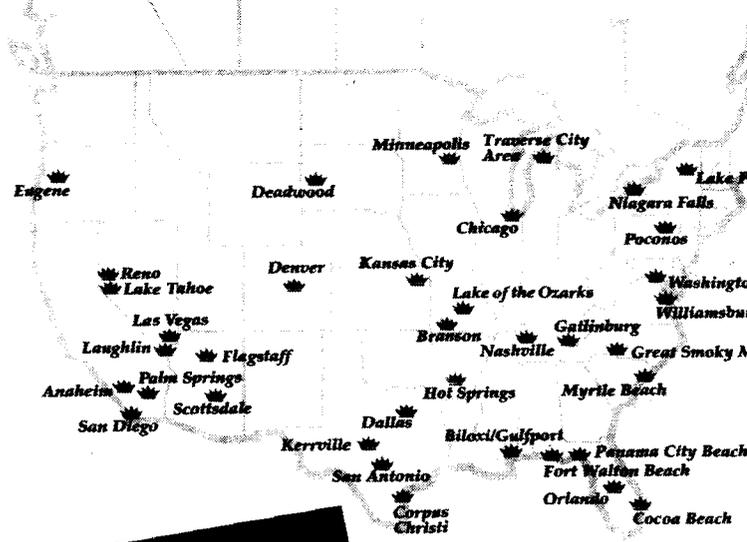
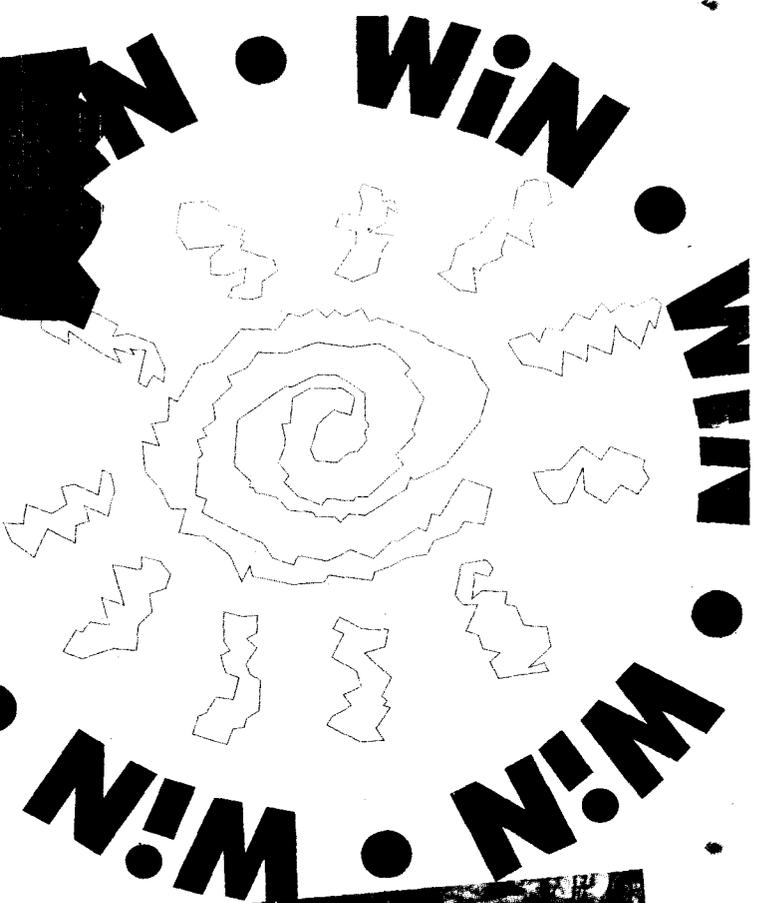
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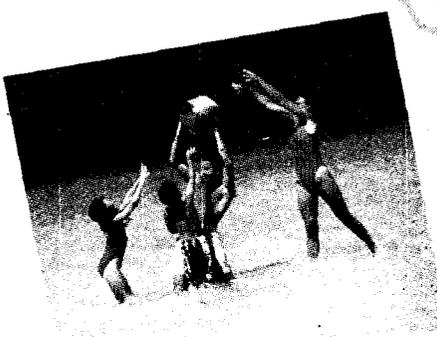
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