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## Test center breaks new ground with rocket firings

*Shots fired from moving helicopter are tracked to impact area on range*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor

The helicopter was ready. The test range was ready. The computers were ready. Everybody was ready.

But the weather wouldn't cooperate.

That's no big deal though. This was just one morning over the three weeks set aside for test firing 2.75-inch diameter rockets that have newly developed motors. The Hydra 70 rockets are launched from an AH-64A Apache helicopter which shoots while hovering and moving.

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Edward Langley/ RTTC

PAIRED SHOT—The AH-64A Apache helicopter fires two 2.75-inch diameter rockets Thursday at Test Area 1.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

### *If you can't stand the heat...*

Then put out the fire. Six public safety officers from Chattanooga came to Redstone last week to practice live fire drills involving hydrocarbon fuel, which is the type of fire that might occur in an airplane crash. All airfield emergency responders are required to undergo this type of training at least once a year. Redstone has the only EPA certified fire pit for hydrocarbon fuel in the Southeast.

## Army re-emphasizes homosexual policy

*Refresher training aimed at preventing harassment*

By BETH SKARUPA  
Staff writer

Is the Army's policy on homosexual conduct still "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"?

That is the question many people are asking this month following accusations that the former commander of Fort Campbell, Ky., tolerated harassment of homosexuals prior to the murder of a gay private there last year.

Gay rights activists and their supporters in Congress urged Defense Secretary William Cohen to take action against Maj. Gen. Robert Clark, but the Army defended Clark and gave him a new assignment as deputy director for operations for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

"My understanding is that the policy is still 'Don't ask, Don't tell' which refers to the AR 600-20 Army Command Policy," Capt. Andrew Sinn, a legal officer in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, said. He has been providing refresher training on

the policy for the Aviation and Missile Command since February.

The policy allows homosexuals to remain in the Army as long as they do not engage in homosexual conduct. In turn, supervisors are not allowed to ask subordinates about their sexual orientation.

"Congress found that homosexual conduct is unacceptable," Sinn said, referring to the 1993 finding that engaging in or attempting to engage in homosexual acts is grounds for discharge from the military.

Homosexual conduct is defined as an admission of homosexuality, soliciting another to engage in homosexual acts, committing a homosexual act, or marrying or attempting to marry a person of the same sex.

If a soldier admits to being homosexual or a reliable person makes a statement that a soldier has violated the policy, the soldier's commander can begin a process to determine whether credible information exists that would warrant separation from the Army.

"What we typically advise is to consult a legal officer," Sinn said. "We encourage

them [the commanders] to contact us because credible information is a legal term. They need to lay out the facts for us so we can help determine if the information is credible."

*"There are a lot of procedural safeguards in place to prevent someone from being inappropriately investigated."*

— Capt. Andrew Sinn, Legal officer

Rumors that a person is a homosexual or an opinion that a person is a homosexual, going to a known gay bar, reading gay literature, associating with known homosexuals or marching in a homosexual rally in civilian clothes are not credible information, according to Sinn.

A major component of the refresher training provided by Sinn is about ensuring soldiers know that the Army has a zero tolerance for harassment policy.

"We detail possible types of harassment and tell them don't do it or if they see it, report it. That includes verbal harassment,

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### Union negotiating for labor agreement

Reference contract negotiations for American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858, Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Technical Test Center, PEO Tactical Missiles, Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office, and the Air Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office...

AFGE Local 1858 has begun the process of negotiating a new labor agreement with AMCOM, RTTC, PEO Tactical Missiles, JTUAV, and ADCCS. We solicit input from these bargaining unit employees on issues that they consider of interest or importance at the earliest possible opportunity. Input must be in writing and addressed to Bill

Clemons, chief negotiator (876-6631), or any other member of the negotiating team as follows: Don Eiermann, IMMC, 876-5865; Vicki Fuller, AFGE, 876-4880; Susan Gamble, AMRDEC, 876-2336; Valerie Harris, AMRDEC, 313-2149; Shirley Keel, SAMD, 313-6868; Wayne McIntosh, TMDE, 842-6152; Abner Merriweather, AMRDEC, 313-4885; or Ruth Metcalf, Acquisition Center, 876-8130.

By calling any of these individuals, they can give you an e-mail address to send your input. You can also mail or hand carry to the Union Office in building 3202.

Other individuals who can be called for your input are as follows: Diane

Cooper, RASA, 955-0208; James Cox, Acquisition Center, 876-8849; Judy Jackson, Acquisition Center, 876-5598; Elteaser James, SAMD, 313-0952; George Kirkland, CIC, 313-2964; Theresa Mastin, TMDE-P, 313-2938; or Henry Earl Smith, CIC, 313-1951.

The union negotiating team has agreed with the management team to use Interest Based Bargaining approach during the negotiations, has successfully completed pre-negotiation ground rules and is now ready to start negotiations on all issues of interest or importance to bargaining unit employees. Please, if you have issues of interest, provide them to the aforementioned as soon as possible.

**James R. Brothers**  
president,  
AFGE Local 1858

### Thanks to wonderful friends for caring

There were telephone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts and prayers. These expressions of concern and support have left me searching for a way to adequately tell you how much that this meant to me. Please know that your thoughtfulness has been a great source of comfort and strength during the loss of my mother. My family and I feel very blessed to have such wonderful friends. Thanks again for caring!

**Anne Beddingfield**  
AMRDEC

### Special thanks given to child care providers

I give special thanks to Tammy Boulee, primary caregiver for Dominique Rogers, and to the whole Infant 1 staff at Redstone Child Development Center for doing a great job. You're awesome.

**Stacey K. Rogers**  
Military spouse

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If you want payment to be made differently than listed in the aforementioned, and you have not assigned your life insurance and a valid court order is not on file, you should designate a beneficiary. How-

ever, if you are satisfied with the order of payment listed above, you need take no action. A court-appointed guardian, or someone with your power of attorney, or other fiduciary may not designate a beneficiary for your insurance.

If you need assistance on obtaining or filing designation of beneficiary forms, contact your servicing CPAC personnel

generalist. If you have questions on the processing of death claims, call Mischa Walker 313-4791 or Valerie Morgan 876-1540. If you are unable to contact either of these employees, call Olene McGowen 842-9038 or Don Dixon 313-0517.

*Editor's note: This article was adapted from a release provided by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.*

## Soldier Show helps celebrate Armed Forces Week 2000

Armed Forces Week 2000 will include plenty of entertainment for the entire family.

The Soldier Show and the 100th Division Army Reserve Band are headliners for the local observance July 10-15.

The 100th Division Army Reserve Band will not only be here for Armed Forces Week but also July 5-6 at the Space and Rocket Center. The band will perform at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. July 5 and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 6.

Soldier Show performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. July 11, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 12 in the Von Braun Center concert hall. Free tickets for the three shows became available Monday at the Public Affairs Office.

Here's the complete schedule for Armed Forces Week:

- July 10— Proclamation signing at 10 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. Concert in the Park by the 100th Division Army Reserve Band from 6:30-8 p.m., with aviation and missile hardware exhibits throughout Big Spring Park.

- July 11— Soldier Show at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center concert hall.

- July 12— Soldier Show 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the VBC concert hall. Armed Forces Celebration Luncheon from 12-1:30 p.m. in the VBC north hall, with Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera as scheduled speaker.

- July 13— Soldier of the Year luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers' and Civilians' Club.

- July 15— Botanical Garden open house, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., for active duty and retired military.

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# ACS opens doors to community

## Army Community Service celebrates 35th anniversary

By BETH SKARUPA  
Staff writer

Although Army Community Service continues to be the place to borrow pots and pans, today it offers much more to military families.

ACS evolved from a basic support program providing lending closet items to military families whose personal belongings had not yet arrived at the installation and offering Army Emergency Relief support.

Today it is a multifaceted operation run by eight paid staff and more than 40 volunteers offering an array of family advocacy programs. These programs support healthy social functioning and prevent, reduce and resolve soldiers' personal and family problems.

After 35 years of service, ACS will celebrate its birthday July 13 with an open house at 2-3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to have punch, cookies and cake and to learn about ACS programs.

"In years past, ACS used to be a place people went when they had problems. And people used to avoid ACS because they didn't want anyone to think something was wrong," Sue Paddock, ACS director, said. "We've really come a long way in changing that and promoting ACS as a helpful, positive place to come and get information or just talk if you need to."

She explained that the staff and volunteers try to make our ACS special by focusing on creating a friendly, positive image when a customer first comes in the door. Their key is to concentrate on quality customer service.

"We try to go the extra mile. We feel really fortunate that we are able to help people and that's what we're all about - helping," Paddock said.

Some of the ACS programs include education for the prevention of child and

spouse abuse, financial management education, an exceptional family member program, employment assistance for military family members, relocation assistance and informational referral and followup services.

ACS compiled a commander's referral guide this year that lists resources both in and outside the installation's gates. They also compiled a desk guide for customers to find services outside the gate.

"We're known as the 'answer people' on post. Our attitude is if we don't know the answer, we'll find it for them," Paddock said.

ACS is going through an accreditation process for the first time this year. Program managers have been determining standards for each ACS program since September 1999, preparing for a visit from the Department of the Army in August.

In the long run, this accreditation process will ensure that all ACS programs are standardized at all installations. Paddock looks at the accreditation as very positive because it has helped ACS develop standards for its programs.

ACS achievements this year include the certification of three program managers, assisting with special events such as the Special Olympics, raising over \$65,000 for AER, establishing a new parent support program and creating an employee assistance computer workstation office, a video lending closet and a book library.

"We rely heavily on our volunteers. This year we've had the most, over 40 volunteers work on day-to-day activities and committees. We take great pride in that program because in today's world with dual income families, it's hard to get volunteers," Paddock said.

Sharon Samuelson is the ACS volunteer coordinator and Kathy Sullivan, the AMCOM commanding general's wife, is the honorary volunteer supervisor.

Paddock sees educating young soldiers and family members on financial readiness



Photo by Beth Skarupa

**READY TO HELP**— Army Community Service director Sue Paddock, left, and volunteer Marsha Collins make sure the lending closet is stocked with items available to military families while their personal belongings are in transit.

as the biggest challenge for ACS right now along with becoming accredited. She said young military families today are spending way beyond their means and need to be educated on budgeting, credit and ways to save money for future investment.

"I feel very thankful when I look back throughout the years. ACS has been very

fortunate to have wonderful support from the units, commanders, first sergeants, drill sergeants and the agencies that we partner with - we've had very strong command support," Paddock said. "We've also had a very strong relationship with the Huntsville community and I feel this has been our greatest asset."

## Egypt buys Redstone-managed Avengers

Boeing has signed a contract calling for delivery of several Avenger Short-Range Air Defense Systems to Egypt under a Foreign Military Sale agreement with the U.S. Army. The value of the FMS program is in excess of \$25 million with potential for additional future sales and logistics support.

The sale of Avenger to Egypt will ensure: continuation of the Avenger production line in Huntsville; sustainment of competitive per-unit prices to ensure cost savings for both U.S. armed forces and other

international customers; and enhancement of the overall system readiness.

"This outstanding Avenger team effort underscores a promising future for the Avenger program with Boeing in North Alabama," Tom Walmsley, Huntsville Short-Range Air Defense (SHORAD) program manager, said.

The Boeing Company in Huntsville has produced more than 1,100 Avengers for the U.S. Army, the U.S. Army National Guard,

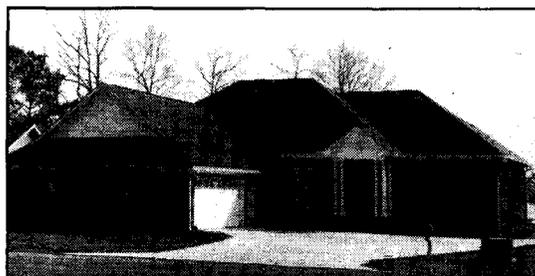
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# New customer hotline goes online in mid-July

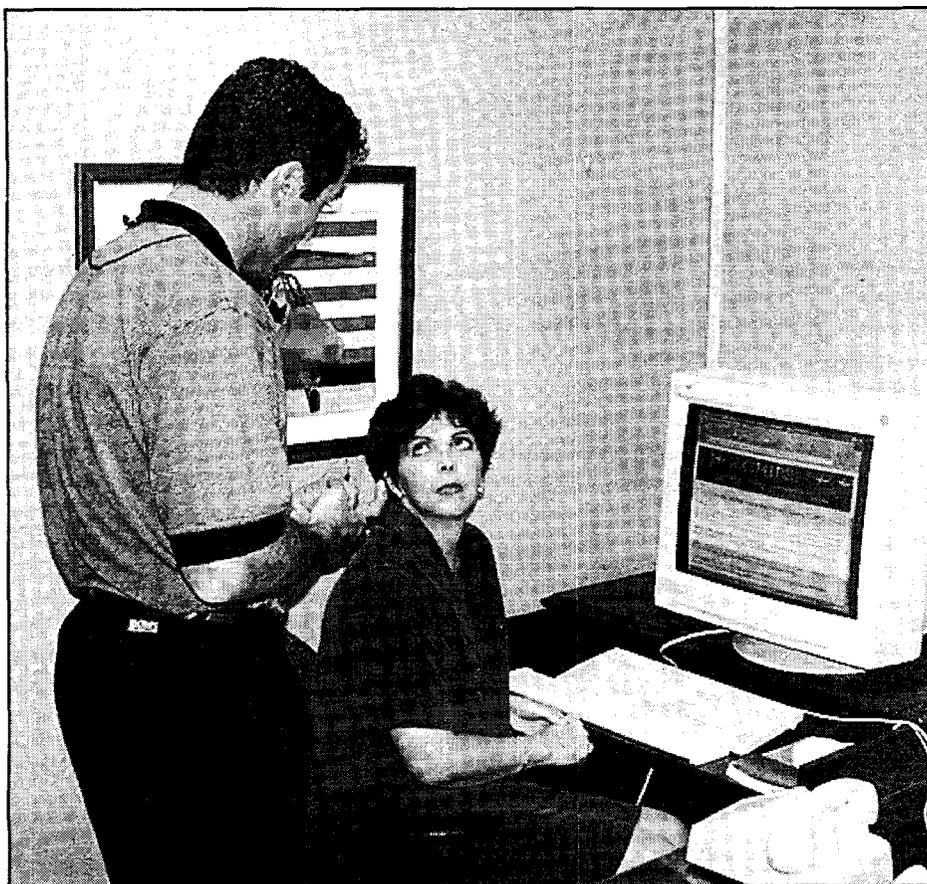


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**CONCERNED CUSTOMERS**— Lori Pendley, right, CHIPS project lead, tells web developer Gary Braden about concerns expressed during testing of the new web-based customer hotline.

## Users can expect quick responses

By **BETH SKARUPA**  
Staff writer

Have you been singing "I can't get no satisfaction?" If you're an AMCOM customer, your tune may soon change. A new web-based customer hotline has been developed and it's aimed at improving customer satisfaction.

Customer Hotline Interactive Problem Solving is a web-based application created to allow the command's customers to make comments, ask questions and submit suggestions on problem areas. Customers are promised a response within 10 working days.

The purpose of CHIPS is to create a more efficient and effective communication path between the customer of a particular service and the management of that service.

The hotline will be accessible on both the Internet and the Intranet through the AMCOM homepage. Tentatively scheduled to make its debut July 19, the hotline is being tested and refined.

"It is a work in progress," Lori Pendley, the Corporate Information Center's project lead for CHIPS, said. "It's in beta testing now and will be deployed in phases. Initial fielding will be for the core competency areas."

Core competency areas are organizations within AMCOM such as Acquisition or Resource Management that have expertise in the areas that customers are most likely to make requests for information. The customer chooses an area when submitting a comment or question to the hotline.

"Instead of using their organization name, we're using what they actually do to make it a little easier," Pendley said. So customers with a question about payroll can select "payroll" instead of having to figure out that Resource Management would be the one to answer the question.

CHIPS will have transfer capabilities between organizations so responders can

redirect customers' questions to areas with the appropriate information. Response time will remain the same despite transfers.

Customers will receive a confirmation e-mail after submitting a question or comment to CHIPS. The confirmation e-mail promises a response within 10 working days and provides the customer with the AMCOM commander's hotline phone number to call if the response is not received within that time frame.

Pendley's group is trying to make the hotline user-friendly for both customers and responders. Responders are those people designated within each organization to respond to customers' requests for information. Their first training session was June 13.

"They indicated interest in an automated log to track when they pass a question on to another person in their organization," Jim McGraw, the project's functional point of contact from the Strategic Planning Office, said. "What's making it [CHIPS] successful is the responders giving us what they need."

Those customers submitting questions on the Intranet may check on the status of their request on the Intranet website and will receive an e-mail response directing them to a URL location to access the answer to their submission. Those customers submitting questions on the Internet will receive all their responses via e-mail for security purposes.

A Frequently Asked Questions option will be developed. In phase II, customers will be able to search a database for answers to their questions. CHIPS also will have some expanded reporting capabilities, identifying which areas receive the most questions and highlighting where more resources are needed.

"The bottom line is to increase customer satisfaction," McGraw said. "We want to make it apparent that AMCOM truly does care. That's increasingly important in this day of increasing competition because if you don't respond, someone else will."

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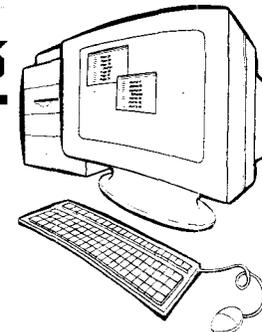
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# City represented in Class of 2000 at Air Force Academy

## Four Huntsvillians among graduates

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor

Maybe Huntsville is just as much an Air Force town as it is Army.

OK, probably not. But there were four Huntsvillians in the Class of 2000 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Three of the four— Phillip Rose, Sascha Archie and Lee Hages — had graduated in 1995 from Butler High School. The fourth, Nate Douglas, graduated from Huntsville High in 1994.

Now they are all second lieutenants in the Air Force. And they can expect a continuing rivalry with their Army relatives and friends back home.

"It's one of the toughest things I've had to do to date," Archie said of the Air Force Academy regimen. "The academic load, the strain of adjusting to military life. The military stuff is not as difficult, but the academic load—the academics get you."

That explains the academy's 25 percent attrition rate. Of the 1,252 original members of the Class of 2000, some 928 actually received their degrees May 31. The rest had either withdrawn or been dis-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**AIRING THEIR VIEWS—** Sascha Archie, left, and Phillip Rose are both second lieutenants who graduated from the Air Force Academy on May 31. Two others from Huntsville also graduated with the Class of 2000.

missed along the way.

"The Air Force Academy is basically an engineering school. There's 31 majors but the majority of them are engineering majors," Archie said.

Archie, 22, earned a bachelor's degree in foreign area studies. The son of Army MSgt. Calvin and Renate Archie, he will report Aug. 7 as security forces officer at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne,

Wyo. He hopes to earn a master's degree in Cheyenne and eventually become an Air Force attorney.

Rose, his friend since the ninth grade, earned a bachelor's degree in operations research. He will report Aug. 3 as communications officer at Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. Rose is the son of Army retiree Al and Charlotte Rose. His dad was a chief warrant officer

3 who served in Vietnam and later worked at Redstone.

So, why did Rose choose the Air Force?

"I feel they take care of their people more and it just seemed to suit my interest more," he said.

Like Archie, Rose took Air Force Junior ROTC at Butler High. They were also on Butler's soccer team together their senior year.

"I guess it was kind of relative," Rose, 23, said of the academy's difficulty. "I thought it was challenging but doable."

He hopes to gain a lot of experience in the Air Force, do some traveling, and eventually have a successful career after the military.

Douglas, the son of Army workers Charley and Rosie Douglas, earned his degree in behavior science. His duty assignment is flight training at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. He will do one year of recruiting for the ROTC program at Samford University in Birmingham. Douglas said he is proud that Huntsville High now has an Air Force JROTC program which it didn't have when he attended.

So, while other states and other cities may have more members in the Air Force Academy's Class of 2000, Huntsville can boast four.

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# Young graduates face millennium of challenge

## 'Army brats' making plans after high school

BY SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

Growing up as an "Army brat" wasn't easy for Amanda Brown. Changing schools was one of the hardest things about being the daughter of SFC Gregory Brown.

"I remember when we moved here from Hawaii," she said. "I went to Williams, which was what I call a military school because most of the kids from the Arsenal went there. I was in fourth grade and I really liked it. Then a few months later we moved off post and I went to Rolling Hills Elementary. It took me three years to make the adjustment. It was awful."

But she did make the adjustment and ended up serving on the Johnson High School student council for all four years of high school. It was during her senior year that Amanda became friends with Courtnie Ray, a fellow senior and student council member.

"We had a lot in common because we were both Army brats," Brown said.

Ray's father, Charles Ray, spent many years during her childhood serving on active duty, before settling in Huntsville

in the Army Reserves.

"Moving around was the hard part," Ray said.

Both girls stayed settled in one school during their high school years and while they had a good time, it's not something either of them wants to do again.

"Because we were on student council, we had to plan every event and then do all the work," Brown said. "I had a lot of fun but I'm happy it's over, too."

Both girls are planning a career as pediatric nurse practitioners. Brown will attend Judson College in Marion.

"I chose an all girls Catholic college because I wanted to go somewhere that I can be focused just on my school work and get on with it so I can get out. Not many schools offer my program so eventually I have to transfer, probably to UAB to finish."

Ray earned an academic scholarship to Lane College in Jackson, Tenn. She also plans to transfer to the University of Alabama-Birmingham to complete her nurse practitioner's degree.

"Who knows?" Ray said. "Maybe we'll get to spend our last years together at UAB. That would be great."

Brown's mother, Miranda Brown, works at the Youth Center on Redstone Arsenal. Her father works at HHC 59th Brigade S-3.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**— Friends and members of Johnson High School graduating class of 2000, Courtnie Ray, left, and Amanda Brown are glad their high school days are behind them and are looking forward to a career in nursing.

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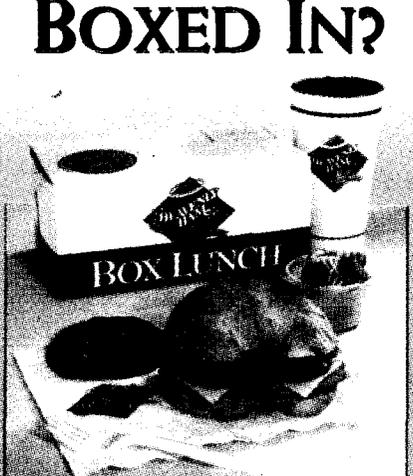
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## ■ Test firings under way for new rocket motor

### Test

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"This is really quite an exercise," Paul Tierney, Redstone Technical Test Center test manager for 2.75 rocket testing, said. "We've been planning this for over a year."

Some 585 rockets are to be fired from June 19 through July 7 at Test Area 1. The test was requested by the 2.75-Inch Project Office, Operations Support Command, Rock Island, Ill.

What sets this test apart is the challenge of tracking rockets that are fired from a helicopter moving at 90 knots. To do this the Redstone Technical Test Center people are using three radars and a laser tracker.

"This is kind of a generational leap in how we utilize our range instrumentation," Tierney said. The firsts for RTTC include an extensive rocket firing program from a helicopter, and tying all the instrumentation together and controlling it from a single control station.

Mike Krause, range instrumentation engineer, and Dave Browning, project engineer, were involved in putting together the control station. The helicopter and two-pilot crew came from the Aviation Technical Test Center at Fort Rucker. Half of the 585 shots are from a hovering helicopter; and the other half are fired while

on the move. Orange cones on the test range give the helicopter its flight path and firing location.

"We're firing single shots and paired shots," Tierney said. "We generally load up approximately 48 rockets— 24 on the right (pod) and 24 on the left. He'll sit there and keep on firing till he fires those 48 rockets. There's about like three or four minutes between shots."

A target board is on the ground at each of the five kilometers (3.1 miles). Accuracy is determined by the impact pattern of the rockets; the smaller that area, the better. The idea is to compare the performance of the newly developed motor with the Mk 66 version currently in the Army inventory. The new motor uses a composite propellant which is chemically different from the propellant in the Mk 66 motor.

Dr. Jay Lilley, chief of system evaluation function at Propulsion and Structures Directorate, was asked by the project office to test the Non-Development Item rocket motor. Thiokol is prime contractor for the new motor. Others involved include the Army Research Laboratory, the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity and the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

This major test, involving both aviation and missiles, will leave a lasting impact on the

Redstone Technical Test Center. The automated control station didn't exist six months ago. Now it can be used for future tests.

Next year the test center folks will start preparing for Range Operations Components for Integrated Testing which they hope to implement in 2002.

"ROCIT is a program that will integrate instrumentation control and data within Redstone Technical Test Center, and eventually provide data outside RTTC," Krause said.

"This NDI Hydra70 accuracy test is a

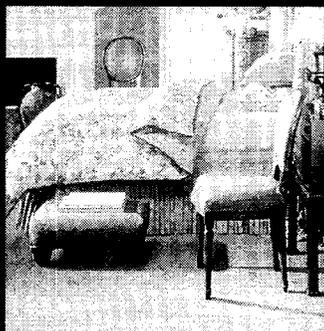
prime example of benefits derived from the Army Aviation Corridor of Excellence (AACE)," Tierney said. "The AACE concept marshals the combined assets of the AMRDEC and RTTC at Redstone Arsenal, ATTC at Fort Rucker, Eglin Test Ranges at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and Arnold Engineering Development Center at Tullahoma, Tenn. The goal of AACE is to provide a unified set of engineering and test capabilities intended to serve the entire spectrum of Army Aviation Community developmental and sustainment needs."



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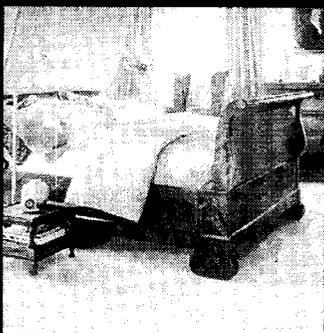
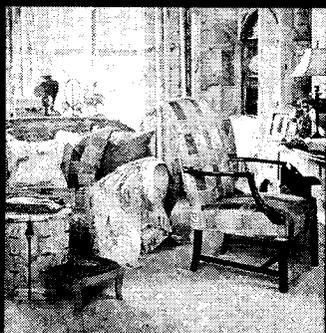
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# Training comes together for logistics assistance representatives

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON  
For the Rocket

In today's environment, there are ever increasing pressures on management to control costs, maximize profits, and enhance customer satisfaction. Frank Gardner and Steve Retherford from the Integrated Materiel Management Center have succeeded in implementing a new concept for AMCOM that will provide ways to save money while maintaining unit readiness and training levels.

Gardner and Retherford knew that the airframe and air missile logistics assistance representatives shared many of the same core competencies. They thought if they dual-trained the airframe and missile LARs, it would improve and sustain the readiness of Army materiel systems and logistics support.

When the 1995 BRAC recommended the merger of aviation and missiles, Gardner and Retherford knew they could implement their idea. They began with the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior LARs.

LARs are the conduits of information from and to AMCOM. They provide

logistics support in the form of maintenance and assistance to the field worldwide at various units, posts, camps and stations. The LARs use their ability to work with people and their knowledge of aircraft and missiles everyday. They perform their mission in peacetime, as well as during a contingency, and are scattered throughout the world.

"A pilot test of our concept was done in late fiscal year 1998 with one LAR in both places at Fort Carson, Colo. and Fort Polk, La.," Gardner said. "We were astounded on how easily it went. This formal classroom training provided the LARs with the needed information on equipment, maintenance, usage and supply related problems to make them more efficient."

Six months later, they began to integrate the program. According to Gardner, he expects this to become the course of action for other systems in the future. Every Kiowa Warrior LAR was given the opportunity to be trained or transferred to another missile or aviation section. All the Kiowa Warrior LARs accepted except two, who were placed elsewhere.

The skills enhanced training at Fort Rucker is expected to take three to five weeks. An anticipated training completion date is scheduled for Oct. 11.

"We have to go this route," Retherford said. "We can't separate the two LARs anymore. The end result is that by sending only

one LAR to a place now, it allows us to reallocate the resources to do other work."

AMCOM is committed to change, he says, and that's exciting. The relationship between AMCOM and Army units in the field continues, and it is the LAR who fosters that relationship.

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The Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center is recruiting more than 200 engineers and expects to fill these positions by Sept. 30.

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The following job fairs are scheduled for these vacancies: from 3-7 p.m. July 10 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 15 at the Tom Beville Center, University of Alabama-Huntsville.

### ■ 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy remains in effect

## Policy

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jody calls, derogatory language, graffiti, threatening telephone calls or e-mail," Sinn said. "To my knowledge, I haven't seen any of this in the two years I've been here."

Although gay activists insist that the Army is turning a blind eye to homosexual harassment, the three extensions to the homosexual conduct policy made in August 1999 indicate otherwise.

First, installation-level Staff Judge Advocates have to consult senior legal officers at a higher headquarters prior to the initiation of an investigation. Second, the initiation of substantial investigations into admission of homosexuality for the purpose of separation from the Army only are to be made at the Secretary of the Army level. Third, the Inspector General must inspect homosexual conduct policy training.

"Personally, I think that inspires some confidence in Army leadership — that headquarters wants to know what's going on and that they're not just turning a blind eye. They want to prevent injustice," Sinn said. "There are a lot of procedural safeguards in place to prevent someone from being inappropriately investigated."

Commanders are responsible for creating a command climate that ensures all soldiers are treated with dignity and respect. Soldiers are encouraged to report

harassment at once to their commander. Commanders then must take appropriate action to protect the safety of soldiers reporting threats or harassment.

"The training specifically advises commanders of what they can do to stop harassment," Sinn said. "They have a range of actions from counseling statements to issuing a letter of reprimand with a direct order to cease all harassing activities. Violation of a lawful order is punitive and penalties could include forfeiture of pay and/or confinement."

Although soldiers are encouraged to go through their chain of command to report harassment, they have several alternatives if they are not comfortable speaking to their own commander. They can go to the Inspector General's office with a concern or to a counselor in Army Community Service.

Soldiers can discuss issues regarding homosexual conduct in confidence with either a legal assistance attorney or a chaplain. Information provided to these individuals is generally considered privileged communication and will not be disclosed unless the soldier approves the disclosure.

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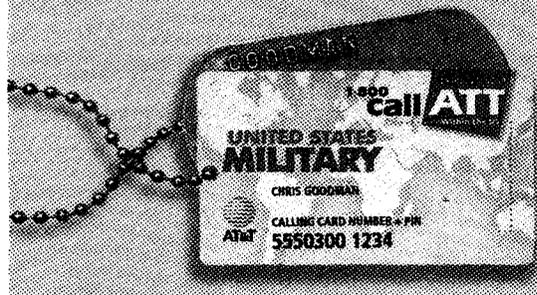
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By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

They just don't make things the way they used to, and that's not always a bad thing. Integrating new processes and manufacturing technologies into Army aviation and missile systems can create a better product at a lower cost.

The Aviation and Missile Command's ManTech program looks for opportunities to improve and develop manufacturing technologies to create a better or faster or cheaper or longer lasting product. They look not only at reducing costs of acquisition through new manufacturing technologies of parts and products but at cost avoidance in the long run for operating and maintenance.

"Most of the work for Army weapon systems takes place in a contractor facility," Warren Alford, aviation team lead, Manufacturing Science and Technology Division, AMCOM, said. "They own the processes; we buy the product. If we can find ways to reduce the cost of the product through new manufacturing technologies, we reduce ownership costs. The idea is also starting to work at the Army depots with remanufacturing and repair of helicopter hardware."

It's not just about aviation. There are

two areas under AMCOM's ManTech program, one for aviation, one for missiles. The missile area addresses manufacturing technology developments required to assure both the availability and affordability of missile system materiel, including missile and smart munition hardware subsystems such as seekers, guidance and control, propulsion, and structure, and associated ground equipment including surveillance and acquisition, transport and launch, shipment and storage, and test and maintenance.

Success stories in both aviation and missile programs have resulted in cost avoidance into the millions. An additional benefit of the program supports the government's initiative of technology transfer. Robotic deburring, a process developed in the INFAC program, is a prime example.

Instrumented Factory for Gears (INFAC) is a ManTech Center of Excellence, located in Chicago and sponsored by AMCOM, whose mission is the development and application of technology to ensure an affordable, responsive and reliable U.S. gear production capability to meet current and future Department of Defense requirements.

"Deburring a gear is a tricky process," Danny Mahan, INFAC program lead,

said, explaining that when helicopter gears are manufactured, sometimes small sharp pieces of metal are left on the gear, which must be removed with absolute precision. "By the time it gets to this process, the gear is worth about \$15,000. If the technician makes a mistake in the deburring, the gear is ruined. It's not easy to find someone qualified to do this particular job. Plus the fact that we were having a tremendous problem with our people getting carpal tunnel syndrome because of the way they have to hold and turn the gear in their hands during the process."

INFAC developed a state of the art system for deburring dimensionally precise gears by using robotics. Using this new technology cost savings on only one system are projected at \$1.6 million annually.

The process has also proved to have dual-use applications for both military and commercial parts.

The Longbow Missile Millimeter Wave Transceiver is another feather in the ManTech cap. The transceiver is a high frequency radar signal in the end of the missile that acts as a sensor to point the missile in the right direction. Through the ManTech program, the transceiver assembly process was automated, thus reducing assembly time by 80 percent. Along with that, better testing procedures were developed which resulted in a 50 percent decrease in manual tune and test times. Additional benefits include the improvement of the electrical, mechanical and thermal modeling during the design process.

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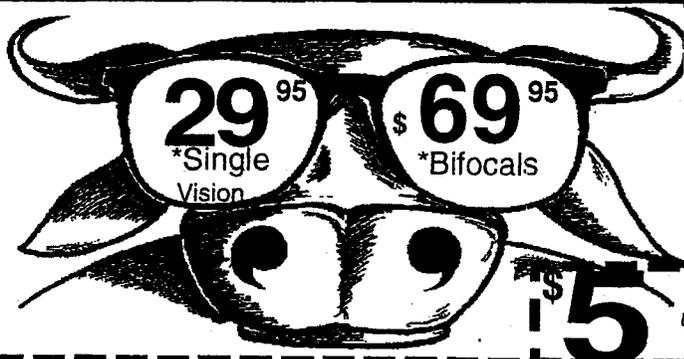


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**SHIFTING GEARS**— Deburring gears like this one from the Comanche helicopter was a tedious manual process until a Manufacturing Technology program enabled the process to be automated which produced better results with a projected cost savings to the government of \$1.6 million annually for only one system. The technology can be applied to multiple systems. Danny Mahan, left, program lead for the INFAC gear program, talks with Warren Alford, ManTech aviation team lead, center, and Martin Harris, RWASP program lead, about this and other manufacturing technology programs.

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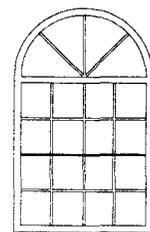
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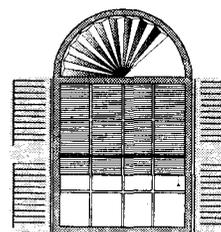
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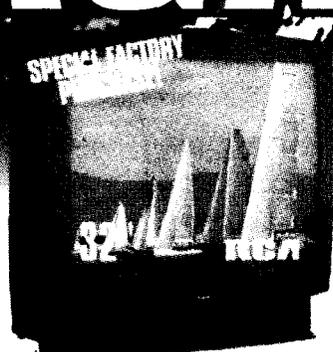
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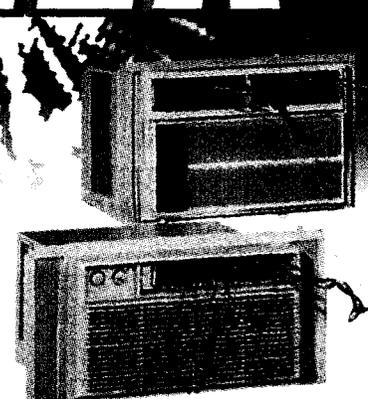
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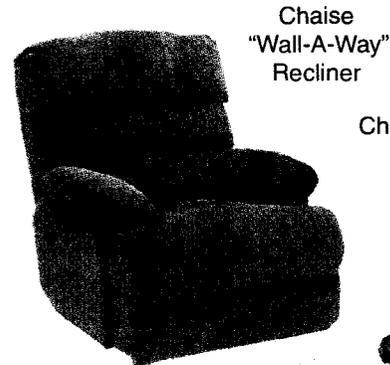


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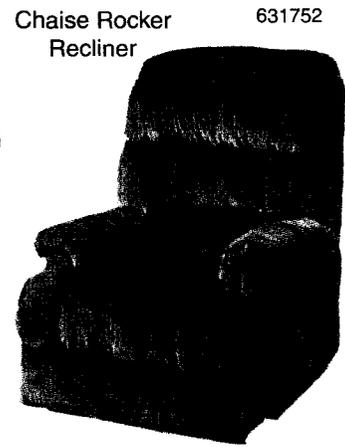
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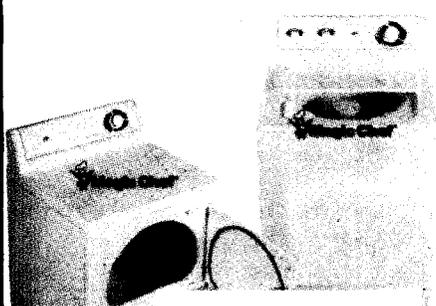
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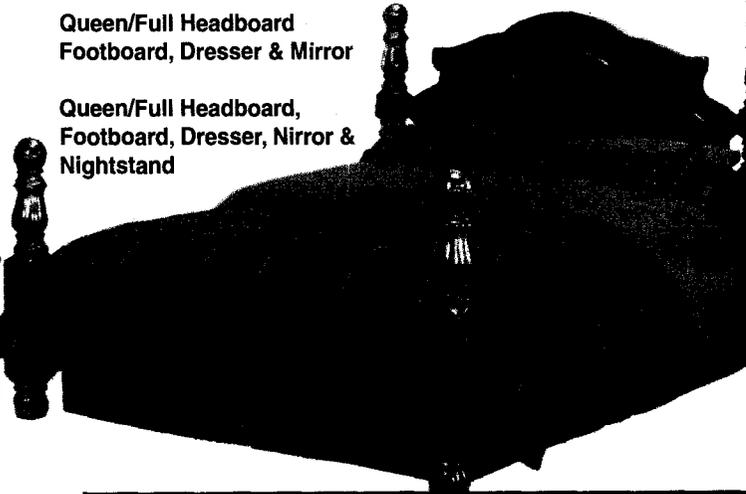
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# Huntsville small business owner receives top state award



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**BUSINESS LEADER**— Irma Tudor is congratulated for being named Alabama Small Business Person of the Year.

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor

Irma Tudor has come a long way in less than a decade.

In 1992 she founded Analytical Services Inc. which now has several support contracts with the Aviation and Missile Command. The Huntsville-based company has about 85 workers.

Tuder, ASI president and chief executive officer, achieved another milestone Thursday when she received the Alabama Small Business Person of the Year award. Jack Wright, deputy director of the Alabama District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration, made the presentation at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"What can I say, but I feel honored; just extremely honored," Tuder said during the reception. "And I really feel the award is not mine, it's the employees'. I

really would not be here if not for them."

Before founding ASI, Tuder worked as an auditor, certified public accountant, and controller. She graduated with honors from Notre Dame, majoring in accounting, and subsequently completed her master's of business administration at Troy State University. At Troy State, her thesis was the development of a business plan for minority owned firms in government contracting.

ASI has the Redstone education development support services contract, system cost risk and program evaluation support contract, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment support contract, Target STRICOM support contract, and Technology Integration Office support contract. It also has several of the Omnibus 2000 contracts.

Tuder and her husband, Jack, have two sons, Eric and Andrew.

## Radar people capture awards

The following members of X-Band Radar Project Office received awards June 7:

On the Spot— Carol Addison, John Crawford, Hazel Bearden, Sherry McCreary and Debbie Payton-Thornton.

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wald and John Phillip Williams.

Performance Awards— Jenny Glazner and Lise Messer.

Years of Service— Rodney Phillips, 25 years.

Award for Excellence— Cathy Weywald.

Army Achievement Medal— Lt. Col. Johnnie Bone.

## Holiday hours set for shoppers

### Commissary holiday hours:

Redstone Arsenal Commissary operating hours for the week of July 4 include the following: Sunday, July 2, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, July 3, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (normally closed); and Tuesday, July 4, closed for Independence Day. The commissary will resume regular schedule July 5.

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"Before the automation, workers had to manually place components as tiny as the tip of a sharpened pencil," Michael Showalter, electronics engineering division, Manufacturing Science And Technology Division, said. "The contractor already had all the machines to do the work in house. We funded the development of the process to make the automation change. Automation reduces the chances of rework."

It also created a projected cost avoidance of \$40 million to the Army for the Longbow Hellfire missile production program.

These are only two of the programs that have paid off for ManTech. There are currently 14 aviation and missile projects being worked through the program.

ManTech projects fall into one of two categories: Manufacturing Technology Objectives (MTOs) which are large efforts, funded at \$1-3 million per year for three to five years; or Manufacturing Demonstrations, which are efforts funded at \$300,000 to \$1 million per year for one to three years.

"There have been a lot of changes in how we get projects and funding," Alford said. "The pot of money is shrinking and

there is an intense competition for budget dollars. We have to have a solid project and support of the PM before we submit it to AMC."

A ManTech effort is undertaken when it is determined that industry is not willing or able to commit private capital to develop a new process or technique and make it available to the military on a timely basis. Its efforts are expected to result in new, significantly improved, or more economical processes and generally broad based in application for multiple weapon systems. Identifying possible projects to submit to Army Material Command for funding is not a simple process.

"We don't just sit at the desk and think up things to do," Alford said. "This isn't a science project. We go out to the contractors and to the production floor and see where the problems are. We go to the PEOs and the program manager and find out what's eating their lunch, what's failing on them, what problems they are having that we might be able to help with. But for it to work, we have to have their support. They have to agree to implement the changes or we can't do it, because if the changes aren't implemented, we don't realize the savings."

Once a project is identified and coordinated with the program managers and contractors, it has to meet minimum selection



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## Team Redstone night...

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criteria. The package goes through a selection and ranking process, then gets put alongside other AMCOM and Army projects up for consideration. They are then evaluated, prioritized and eventually, those selected are funded.

"We haven't saved the world," Daron Holderfield, industrial specialist, missile

ManTech, said. "This isn't an answer to everything but we are doing some good things, more than just saving money. We're making better products and increasing our readiness."

Army participation in the Department of Defense ManTech program dates back to the mid-1960s.

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# Area volleyball team earns trip to Junior Olympics

By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON  
For the Rocket

Sarah Carreon and her volleyball team from the North Alabama Spikers Association ended their successful season in style.

The team won the regional championship last month. The girls will be heading to Louisville, Ky., July 3-5 for the Junior Olympics competition.

North Alabama Spikers Association—NASA for short—was formed in 1990. It is a member of the Southern Region Volleyball Association affiliated with USA Volleyball. The program has grown to more than 100 participants with players from the ages of 10-19, and from schools within a 100-mile radius of Huntsville.

"The girls' successful season can be attributed to the commitment and hard work these 11 and 12 year old players put forth," coach Tanya Wigley said. "Teamwork, communication and practice are the primary ingredients that helped in this team's victory."

According to Sarah's dad, Al, from the Aircrew Integrated Systems for Aviation Program Executive Office, her accomplishments are a direct reflection upon and a credit to Wigley's athletic program. Sarah is on the A/B honor roll at Challenger School, and is very athletic. How-



Dorothy Moore/ Photo Lab

**SPIKERS TEAM—** Members of the regional championship team include, from left, back row Al Carreon, Blair Stapp, Sarah Brewster, Emily Foreman, Justine Antoine, Sarah Carreon and coach Tanya Wigley. And in the front row Jordan Scott, Caitlin Chalk, Judi Luckett and Kaitlin McDaniel. Not pictured is Stacy Jones.

ever, she would only go out and watch the other girls play volleyball for years. Then three years ago she decided to play volleyball herself and has excelled ever since.

"Once you get into it and get hooked, you are truly hooked," Sarah said. "My team will be hard-pressed to top this victory, but we are going to play the best vol-

leyball we can in Louisville next month."

Carreon helped coach the volleyball team the first year and they went undefeated. They were able to win the division, but lost in the playoffs. He is now running for secretary of the Spikers Association for 2001. Winners will be announced at the end of the season picnic June 15 in McGucken Park.

Wigley is also an English teacher, assistant basketball coach and head volleyball coach for Grissom High School. She played volleyball at the University of Alabama-Huntsville on a scholarship.

"My coaching philosophy is to work with each player every day to help each to become the best that she can be as a player," Wigley said. "I teach good sportsmanship, team effort, encourage and support for teammates, and respect for each other."

The USA Volleyball Junior Olympics (Junior National Championships) is an annual indoor championship that attracts elite junior players and their families from throughout the country.

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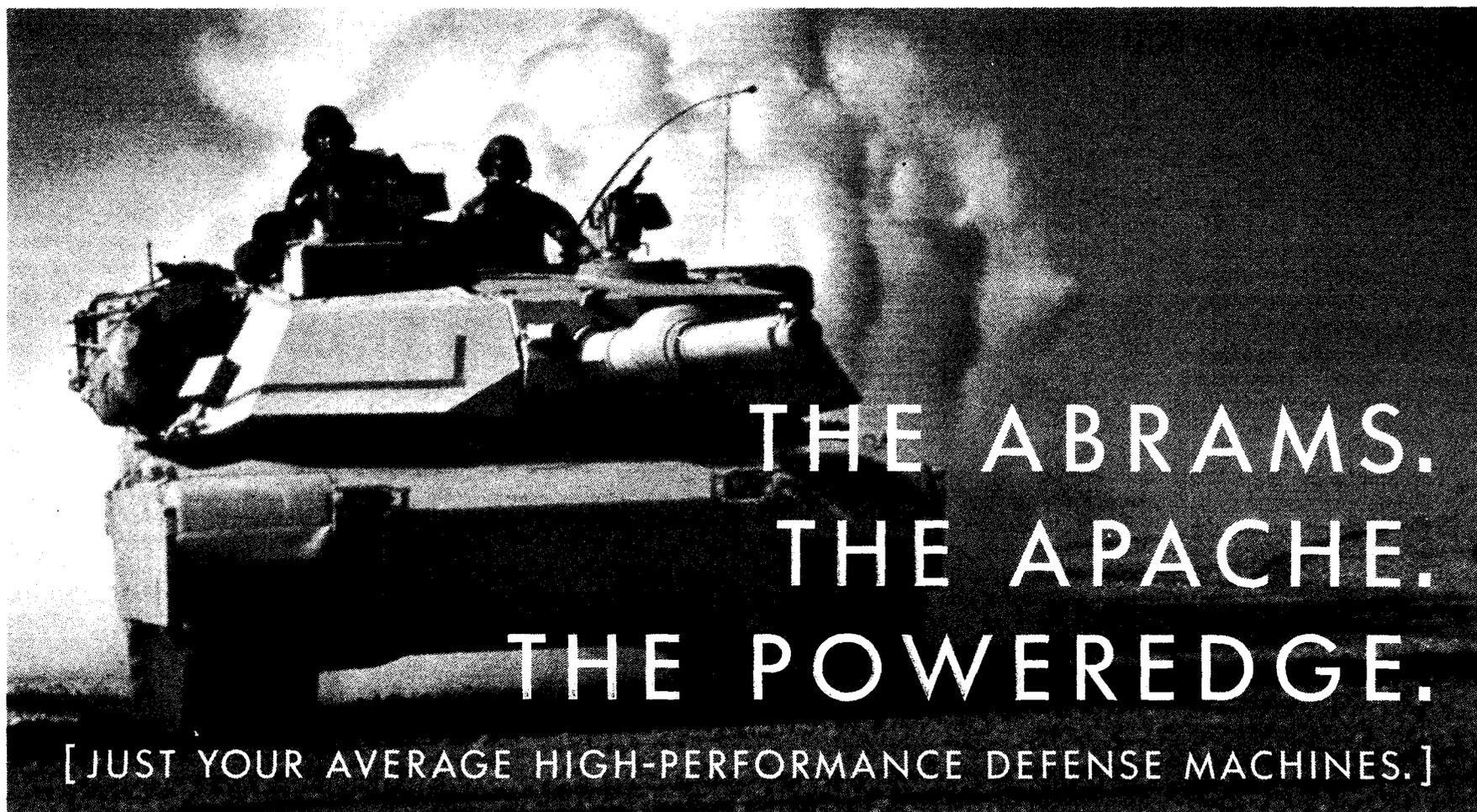
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# Take precautions so ticks won't bug you this summer

By **CHERIE MILLER**  
For the Rocket

With summer's arrival, Tennessee Valley residents should be prepared for the annual onslaught of insect pests including ticks. These insects can carry diseases which are harmful to both humans and animals. Ticks are already prevalent and are of major concern due to the numerous diseases they can transmit.

Ticks are blood-feeding parasites of birds, animals, and humans. There are over 850 species of ticks of two distinct types: hard ticks and soft ticks. Soft ticks have tough, leathery, pitted skin with no distinct head. They are uncommon but may be found in caves and on birds. Hard ticks have a hard smooth skin and an apparent head. These ticks are found in the woods and on humans and animals. Hard ticks are associated with most tick-borne diseases in the United States. Common hard ticks in the Tennessee Valley are the dog tick, black-legged tick, lone star tick, and the brown tick.

Ticks can carry disease germs in their bodies which they transmit to humans and animals when they bite. Ticks stay attached to the host by using a dart-like anchor with backward curving teeth which grip into the skin. They also secrete a cement that hardens and helps hold the tick onto the host. The tick slices open the skin with the anchor, inserts the head under the skin and engorge themselves on the blood. Hard

ticks are slow feeders and can take several days to finish a blood meal. They can extract up to 8 milliliters of blood during a feeding and can take up to 100 times their body weight in blood. They concentrate the blood during feeding and return much of the water back to the host.

Not all ticks carry disease organisms, so getting a tick bite does not mean that disease will follow. However, you should look for signs and symptoms of tick borne diseases following any tick bite. The common tick borne diseases include Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Human Erlichiosis.

Lyme Disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the U.S. It has spread rapidly with an increased number of cases in the Southeast where it is usually transmitted by the black-legged tick and the lone star tick. The common symptom of Lyme Disease is a "bull's eye" rash around the site of the bite which appears three days to three weeks following the bite. The rash will have a clear center with a red ring outside that. Other symptoms include fever, chills, headache, and fatigue. Rarely fatal, Lyme Disease can cause significant pain and discomfort if allowed to progress.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), despite the name that describes its origin, is now abundant in the Southeast where the main vector is the dog tick. RMSF symptoms include fever, chills,

muscle aches, bloodshot eyes and headaches with onset about 3-14 days after the tick bite. A spotty rash may occur on the feet and hands in 2-3 days. RMSF can be treated with antibiotics, but can be fatal when left untreated.

Human erlichiosis was identified in 1986 and has been found predominantly in the Southeast where its vector, the lone star tick, is prevalent. Symptoms appear in 1-21 days (average 7) and resemble RMSF without a rash. Symptoms can be mild to severe and several deaths have been reported.

Prevention is the key to avoid tick bites. Ticks like long grass and brush where they can attach to humans and pets as they walk by. Keep lawns mowed and remove brush and other vegetation near your home. Discourage wild animals from coming on your property as they are often vectors for ticks. If you must be out in wooded areas use a commercial insect repellent effective against ticks. In addition, wear long pants with the legs tucked into socks or boots and a long sleeve shirt tucked in. Light colored clothing will allow you to spot ticks more easily. Check every few hours for ticks if you are in the woods for a long time. After returning, remove all clothing and check your body

carefully, paying special attention to hairy or warm, moist parts of the body.

If you do find a tick, remove it by using a tweezers to grasp the tick's head and pull back slowly and steadily. Avoid pulling the tick out sharply as this may tear off the body parts and leave them imbedded in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouthparts like you would remove a splinter. Consider saving the tick in alcohol or freeze it in a pill vial or plastic bag. In case symptoms appear, identification of the tick may be important.

After removing the tick, wash the wound site with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Avoid crushing the tick with your fingers as this will transmit any disease organisms to your hands. Also, wash your hands with soap and water after removing the tick and clean the tweezers with alcohol.

Ticks, unfortunately, are here to stay. But by following these preventive measures, you can make sure that ticks are one thing that won't be "bugging" you this season!

*Editor's note: Cherie Miller is environmental safety officer at Fox Army Health Center. For more information on ticks and tick borne diseases call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Community Health Center, at 842-0196.*

## ■ Officials promise Best Value

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not with exchanges, drugstores, convenience stores and other types of retail establishments. And prices will be compared only among name brand or store brand items of the same size.

"The Redstone Arsenal Commissary will have about 175 BVIs on our shelves to kick off the program on July 1," store director Lee Wainwright said. "But new BVIs could be added or removed as market conditions change. We encourage our customers to check the BVI signs every time they shop."

Commissary managers will check prices in local grocery stores and supermarkets regularly to maintain the integrity

of the program, but also rely on commissary shoppers to assist them in ensuring that BVIs are properly identified. Shoppers who find the same item for a lower price should contact the commissary with the name and size of the item, the price they found and where they found it. Commissary managers will immediately pull the BVI sign, investigate and report the price difference to DeCA headquarters.

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# Redstone couple adopts Russian bundle of joy

13-month-old girl  
finds love in U.S.

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

The first time Shelly and John Heath laid eyes on Ashley Kristina in a Russian orphanage in the city of Ufa, it was love at first sight. She wasn't just any little girl, she was their daughter.

"We'd been waiting for that moment for a long time," John Heath, team leader, training division, CPOC, said. "She's so precious, she just melts your heart. When we saw her we were so thrilled we started to cry. We knew that was our daughter."

It was a meeting that was years in the making. After undergoing several years of medical treatments and evaluations, in the hopes of starting a family, the couple decided to pursue adoption.

"There are literally hundreds of domestic and international adoptions programs available," Heath said. "Choosing one was very difficult. We knew that we wanted a young child and that the wait for domestic children could be very long."

After researching more than 60 programs and agencies, the couple decided to adopt from Russia. "We attended a peer group when we lived in D.C. of parents who had adopted from Russia. It was

heartbreaking to hear stories about the kids in Russian orphanages and the life they'll have to lead if they're not adopted. That's when we knew," Heath said.

The Heaths worked with an agency based in California, experienced in overseas adoptions. It took more than a year of preparation, paperwork, evaluations, reference checks not just to satisfy U.S. agencies, but Russian as well.

"Before we'd received the referral for Ashley, we'd already done the name drill," Heath said. "We'd decided on Ashley Lauren, but when we chose the little girl, her name was Kristina, so we changed it to Ashley Kristina; that way she has the option to go by her middle name if she wants to when she gets older."

When Ashley was referred to the Heaths through the agency, there was some medical information available, which the couple took to a doctor for review. Abandoned at birth and born two months premature, Ashley spent the first several months of her life in a hospital, battling pneumonia. During that time she developed a severe bacterial infection that eventually got into her bones. At one point she had to have surgery to drain fluid from one of her legs because of the infection.

"She's a tough little girl," Heath said. "They don't have the same medical treatments over there that they do here. She was lucky to have made it. Even the doc-

tor who examined her in preparation for leaving the country said she had to be strong to survive those first months."

The first time the couple saw Ashley, one of her ears was flaming red and scaling, due to an ear infection left untreated—something that was cured with two days of antibiotics after arriving back in the states.

It was the first of many changes for the 13-month-old angel named Ashley Kristina Heath. She is no longer surrounded by 50 other children, all longing for that special touch from loving parents. No longer does her diet consist of porridge, buttermilk and an occasional fish stick. No more sponge baths and regimented potty training rituals. It's a whole new world.

"They said that she was a finicky eater and cried a lot when they fed her but that wasn't the case when we took her," Heath said. "She's a good eater. The only things she doesn't like so far are whole milk and vegetable stew, the baby food kind."

Bath time was also something that could have gone either way. She wasn't used to a bathtub and play time but according to Heath, she's a natural. The Heaths have also slowed on the potty training efforts.

"Over there, they aren't worried so much about teaching the kids to walk and talk," he said. "They go for the practical like potty training. It makes sense I guess,



Courtesy photo

**PROUD FATHER**— It was love at first sight for Shelly and John Heath when they met their daughter, Ashley Kristina, for the first time. The couple visited and played with Ashley several days at the orphanage in Russia while waiting for the adoption to be finalized.

when you're caring for 50 kids to do that first."

Being independently mobile and talkative weren't really assets for children who are left in their crib most of the day and go without much needed individual comfort and attention.

"The staff is really great, they do what they can," Heath said. "But there are only 13 staffers to care for 50 children, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They just don't have the time to give to each child."

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## Sports & Recreation

### Ten-miler tryouts

Tryouts for Redstone Arsenal's team in the annual Army-Ten Miler will be held 7 a.m. July 29 and Aug. 12 beginning and ending at Sparkman Fitness Center. The team is to consist of eight members including up to five military plus coach Skip Vaughn and assistant coach Alexander Steel. Eligible persons include military, Army civilian workers, military family members, and Army civilian family members. They should be stationed here through December. The Army Ten-Miler is Oct. 15 in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Vaughn 876-1500 or Steel 876-3867.

### Stars baseball

Civilian Welfare Fund Council invites you to a night of Huntsville Stars baseball on Team Redstone night, Friday at Joe Davis Stadium. Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, will throw out the first ball for the Stars' 7:05 p.m. game against the West Tenn Diamond Jaxx. Military displays, TOW, Avenger, etc., will be available outside the stadium for viewing before the game. Free tickets are available from all CWFC representatives as well as from the Post Exchange and Commissary.

### Youth tennis clinics

Tennis Clinics are available through the

Redstone Youth Sports Program. Summer classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to noon. These are for ages 6 and up, beginner and intermediate classes. These classes will run through Sept. 30. The cost is \$70 for eight lessons, or \$60 per child for two or more children in a family. Stop by the Youth Center to register, or call Missy Richards 876-5437 for more information.



## Miscellaneous

### 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.

### AMC briefing

The AMC VISION 2010 briefing to the work force, with Gen. John Coburn, commander of Army Materiel Command, has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

### Quarterly retirement ceremony change

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony date has been changed from July 20 to Aug. 17 at 9 a.m. between buildings 5303

and 5304 at the Sparkman Center Parade Field. Military retirees who wish to participate in the ceremony should call MSgt. Loew, RASA Support Operations, 876-2819, by Aug. 5.

### Summer arts day camp

The Arts Council's summer arts day camp, ART-Ventures, is coming to Redstone Arsenal. A one-week camp will be held July 24-28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711 on Aerobee Road. Children ages 6-12 will explore five different art forms, discovering the exciting world of theatre, dance, music, visual art, and creative writing. In addition to classroom instruction, and hands on activities ART-Ventures presents guest artists each day. For Redstone campers currently enrolled at Child and Youth Summer Camps on post, transportation will be provided to the Recreation Center campsite location. Tuition for the one-week camp is \$125 and includes all materials, performances, and a special camp T-shirt. Applications are available at Youth Services and also at School Age Services. Call 876-5437 for more information.

### Safety presentation

The IMMC invites the Redstone community to join it at a presentation by the American Red Cross today from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Bob Jones Auditorium. 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 was previously scheduled 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.

### Test and evaluation expo

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency is sponsoring a Test and Evaluation Exposition, July 26-27 at the Von Braun Center. This exposition is being held in conjunction with the Army T&E Days 2000 Conference titled "Assessing DoD Test and Evaluation: Accomplishments, Issues, and the Evolution Ahead." The host, AMCOM Test and Evaluation Management Office, has confirmed attendance from leaders of

the Department of Army and Department of Defense. Invited attendees to the conference range throughout the test and evaluation communities, Army program executive offices, program managers, and defense industry. All industry and government organizations are invited to exhibit a booth which follows the theme of the conference Hands on and technical demonstrations are encouraged in lieu of standard static marketing displays. The point of contact for an exhibit is Shannon Clift, AMTEC Corporation, 722-7200, sclift@amtec-corp.com For more information regarding Army T&E Days 2000, you may access the web address: www.testevaldays.com or call the conference chairman, Michael McFalls 876-3462.

### NCO/soldier of year

Team Redstone will hold the NCO/Soldier of the Year 2000 awards luncheon at 11 a.m. July 13 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. The luncheon is to recognize the outstanding NCO/soldier of the year. The public is welcome. Tickets are \$6. Military personnel should contact their first sergeant for tickets. For tickets or information, call 876-1876 or 876-3972.

### HHC AMCOM commander

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, AMCOM will hold a change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. July 14 in the Recreation Center, building 3711. Capt. Aaron Bryant will relinquish command to Capt. Tijuana Collier. A reception will follow. The public is invited.

### Intelligence officer job

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center is currently recruiting for an intelligence officer (electronics engineer), GG-0855-12/13. Vacancy announcement number 00-MS-000952-CT opened June 13 and closes July 5. The incumbent serves as an intelligence officer on Command-Control-Communications and Computers (C4) systems team responsible for planning, organizing, analyzing, and conducting exploitation projects on foreign air defense C4 systems. The complete announcement, to include specific job qualification requirements and application and submission instructions can be found

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## Simulation conference

Formerly known as the Southeastern Simulation Conference, the Huntsville Simulation Conference inaugurates an annual simulation conference based in Huntsville Oct. 4-5 at the Holiday Inn at Research Park. This event is sponsored by the Society for Computer Simulation International. For the first time, abstracts and "papers" are only accepted in electronic form. The final proceedings are available on CD and in print. Electronic versions of one page abstracts are due by July 1. Send via e-mail to the following address: [jgauthier@aegistg.com](mailto:jgauthier@aegistg.com). For more information call Joseph Gauthier, HSC program chairman, 922-0802.

## Briefing for industry

The Aviation and Missile Command's Advance Planning Briefing for Industry will be held July 10-12 at Bob Jones Auditorium. This briefing is a continuing effort to keep industry informed of the Army's long-range technology development objectives and contractual opportunities. For a registration package, send a written request along with a return mailing label to Commander, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Attn: AMSAM-RD-AS-TI (APBI coordinator), Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898-5000. For more information call Laurretta Mitchell at AMCOM 876-4270 or Tammy Williams at Optical Sciences Corp. 955-6016.

## Broadway shows

Civilian Welfare Fund Council has tickets for the Broadway Theater League's performances: Man of LaMancha, Oct. 22; Jekyll & Hyde, Jan. 14, 2001; Fame, March 4, 2001; and Annie Get Your Gun, April 29, 2001. The first 50 people to sign

up and pay \$120 by July 5 will be able to get the tickets at this special low introductory price. Call Jerry Campbell 876-3420 for more information. Checks made payable to CWFC.

## Fox Army health center

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours July 3 and July 4 for Independence Day. Advice Nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments for the Evening/Weekend Clinic. All other clinics and pharmacy will be closed.

## Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel announces the following: Rosary is recited daily at 11:30 a.m.; and mass or a communion service is held at noon Monday through Friday. Spanish mass is canceled for June. Weekly mass is held 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

## Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. July 10 at building 3202 (union office). All employees are invited. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

## Church pews

Beaver Dam Independent Church, of Huntsville, is trying to raise funds by selling church pews. These include 22 15-foot by 1 inch, and four 6-foot by 1 inch, asking \$2,500. Call 852-3003.

## Base supply center job

The Base Supply Center, operated by Alabama Industries for the Blind, has an opening for assistant store manager. Salary is \$21,124 to \$36,119. Application deadline is Friday. For more information, call 876-5762 or 876-4011.

## Johnson High reunion

The Johnson High School class of 1980 will have its 20 year reunion Aug. 4-6. For more information, call Elizabeth Horton Strong 859-1213, Dawn Reed Miller 885-0237 or Kim Wright Hearn 859-0187.

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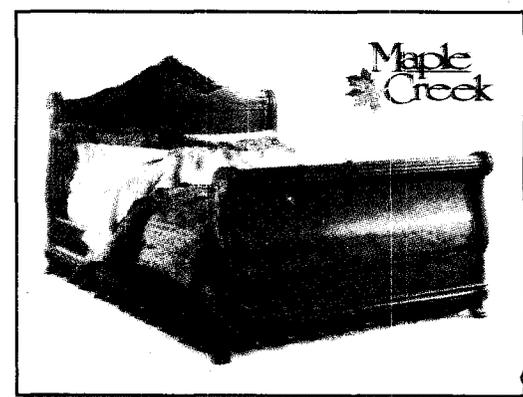
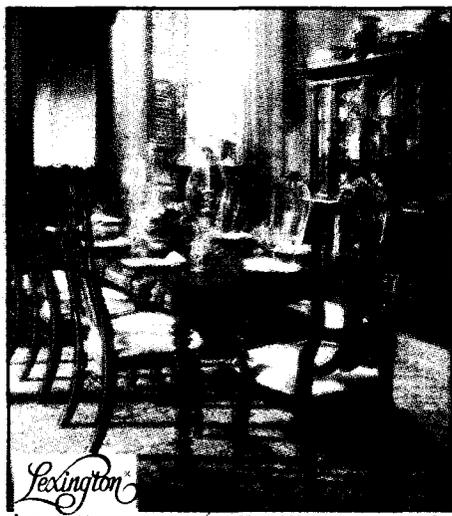
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