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Workers urged to watch for suspicious packages

Anthrax cases nationally call for public awareness

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

How concerned should people be about the mail they receive at the workplace these days?

"Of suspicious mail, they should be very concerned," answers Mike Hooley, deputy director of Intelligence and Security Directorate. "Of regular mail that is properly marked, properly addressed from an expected source, I don't think they should have that much concern."

The reason for heightened awareness is of course the widely reported incidents in which anthrax was mailed to apparently targeted individuals, including a U.S. congressman and a network television news anchor.

Within a week of these events, there were multiple reports here of suspicious mail. All turned out to be unfounded but they indicate the current level of vigilance.

"I think it's good that people's senses are heightened," Hooley said. "But it shouldn't be wide-eyed fear."

He draws an analogy with driving a car. There is an element of risk involved, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't get behind the wheel or open a business envelope.

The key is looking for suspicious packages or letters. These might include the following: stained or damaged exterior indicating it might have been tainted; wrapped with twine; unusually shaped; excessive postage for the size of the envelope; mailed from a foreign country; incorrect or nonsensical name; protruding wires; unusual odor; handwritten or illegible scribble; missing or unfamiliar return address; and a discrepancy between the postmark and the return address (showing different states).

"First of all, don't shake or open the envelope," Hooley said of suspicious mailings. "And certainly don't empty the contents of the package. Place the envelope or

package in a plastic bag to prevent leakage. Or simply cover the envelope or package with anything, like clothing or a trash can, and don't remove the cover — to prevent further contamination. Then leave the room and close the door."

The individual who handled the envelope or package should wash his or her hands in soap and water. If at the office, call the military police desk (876-2222) and notify building security. If at home, call

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Steps to take if you think you have been exposed to anthrax:

- Wash any exposed skin areas thoroughly with soap and water.
- Seek immediate medical attention.

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- 4 Treat it as suspect.
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Mainframe computer becomes ancient history at command



Photo by Beth Skarupa

BYE BYE BACKUPS— Belinda Bailey, a computer operator with the Corporate Information Center, demonstrates how she would load a reel tape into one of the peripheral components of the Cyber 960, AMCOM's last mainframe computer, to back up information stored in the system. The mainframe was officially shut down Oct. 15.

Shutdown marks end of era but also demise of dinosaur

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Alone in a dark, vacant building sits the last mainframe computer used by the Aviation and Missile Command. After its official shutdown Oct. 15, some viewed its passing as the end of an era while others regarded it as a dinosaur's welcome demise.

"Some people did not want to part with it," Holly Blanton, a computer operation supervisor at the Corporate Information Center, said. "It was not cost effective, it really wasn't. It was very expensive to run and not many people had the knowledge to run it."

One of those people is Benny Fiske, a

computer analyst who worked on the Cyber mainframe as its systems administrator since 1983. He said the first Cyber was an 830 model that originally belonged to the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

OMMCS workers used Cyber for all their Automated Data Processing Applications. They also used it to run PLATO, a computer-based instructional system that later became the Self-Paced Army Computer Education.

The mainframe itself is about 8 feet wide, 6 feet tall and 4 feet deep. It sits in an old building near OMMCS on a raised floor. The Cyber, all its peripherals and its storage bays for its reel tapes take up several rooms.

The advent of servers made the Cyber obsolete. Fiske explained that a server is

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Federal workers should support charities

In 1998, a presidential memorandum was issued to federal departments and agencies to explore additional measures to allow federal employees to perform community service. It stated that federal organizations should make maximum use of existing flexibilities to encourage these personnel to take time off to participate in volunteer activities. One of the options provided by the Office of Personnel Management to federal managers is the discretion to excuse employees from their duties without loss of pay or charge to leave (administrative leave). The absence must be brief and determined to be in the best interest of the agency.

As you are aware, the 2001 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) began Oct. 8 and will conclude Nov. 19. The Local Federal Coordinating Committee has been working diligently to prepare for the campaign. During its efforts, it has been asked by many of the charitable agencies supported for assistance in performing a myriad of tasks such as planting gardens and helping with landscaping projects; dis-

patching and delivering "meals on wheels" or assisting with adult daycare; building and painting wheelchair ramps; reading to patients and chatting with them while receiving chemotherapy; and many more efforts too numerous to list.

Consequently, during the period mentioned above for the CFC campaign, I will authorize federal employees of the Aviation and Missile Command four hours of administrative leave and encourage them to use another four hours of annual leave to assist these agencies. Working together, the 15,000 federal employees in the Tennessee Valley can make a dramatic impact on the charitable agencies and prove that CFC, "Caring for Communities," is a reality.

If you have any questions, please call loaned executive Phyllis Henley at 842-1038 or the CFC office 876-9143.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen
commander,
AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal

Marshall center workers thank MP at Gate 9

A group of Marshall Space Flight Center employees and its contractors would like to thank a very special MP for starting off our day with an uplifting smile and a warm hello for everyone she sees. If you come into the facility through Gate 9 in the morning, you can't miss her because her smile positively glows and it really warms you and cheers you up. What a wonderful start to our workday after waiting in line to get into the facility.

GI Jane is courteous, neat, professional, and helpful if you have questions. She goes beyond the call of duty. One morning she helped someone stalled in line get his car going, get into the proper lane, and out of the way. Everyone else working the gate was just staying at the gate and not offering assistance. If our GI Jane hadn't helped him, the traffic would have been backed up more than it was.

Who is she? All we know is that she is an MP, courteous to her fellow workers (MPs, guards, and civilian employees), an African American lady, probably between 24 and 30 years of age, average height (5-foot-4 to 5-foot-7).

Several ladies work Gate 9, but she is the only one whose smile glows.

Everyone is respectful when you come through the gates, but some people are just gifted with positive attitudes and she is one of them. During this time of frustration, stress, and concern for country, our GI Jane is especially appreciated. Please thank her for a job well done from everyone who comes in contact with her.

MSFC workers
Building 4200

Editor's note: Military police identified the soldier referred to in this letter as SSgt. Tracey Watkins.

PAC-3 missile intercept test deemed successful

Program completes phase for developmental testing

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Army conducted a test of the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 system Friday at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Preliminary test data indicate that the PAC-3 and PAC-2 missiles intercepted their assigned targets, and all other test objectives appear to have been met.

The test included engaging and intercepting a very low altitude cruise missile target (BQM-74) at short range with a PAC-3 missile, and engaging and intercepting a low altitude subscale aircraft target (MQM-107) at long range with a PAC-2 missile. Soldiers from the 2-43rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion conducted this suc-

cessful mission.

This completes the developmental test phase of the program, and allows transition into operational testing. Initial operational test and evaluation is scheduled to begin in January.

The PAC-3 missile is a high velocity, hit-to-kill missile and is the next generation Patriot missile being developed to provide increased defense capability against advanced tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and hostile aircraft. Unlike earlier Patriot missile explosive warheads, the PAC-3 missile literally collides with its target in mid-air at extremely high speed, destroying the target and neutralizing its payload.

The PAC-3 system completed 10 flight tests prior to Friday's test. All were successful, with the exception of a July 9 test, which was partially successful. The first two PAC-3 developmental test missions did not involve targets but were structured to verify critical systems and missile performance prior to conducting target intercept flight tests. A seeker characterization flight mission was conducted March 15, 1999 to test a PAC-3 missile with a seeker. Although not a primary objective of the SCF, an intercept of the target was achieved. On Sept. 16, 1999, a second intercept test was successful. DT-5, conducted Feb. 5, 2000, was a successful intercept of a Hera ballistic missile target. DT-7, conducted July 22, 2000, was a

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Exchange service surveys customer satisfaction

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Scholarships show military dependents the money

AER helps 93 percent of applicants get money for college tuition

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

College money may not be a top priority on the minds of most high school seniors right now — football season isn't even over, not to mention prom. But now is the time to start filling out scholarship applications and for military dependents, the Army Emergency Relief Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund is one you don't want to miss. Last year, 93 percent of the applicants were awarded money, anywhere from \$700 to \$1,800 per academic year.

"We want to get the word out about these scholarships now because getting all the paperwork completed takes time," Kristi Foster, AER officer for Redstone, said. "Education is expensive. Having access to this scholarship is an entitlement for being a military family member. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity."

The name of the scholarship, Army Emergency Relief, may be cause for some to overlook it as a source of tuition assistance, thinking that there has to be some sort of emergency hardship to receive money, which isn't the case. The awards

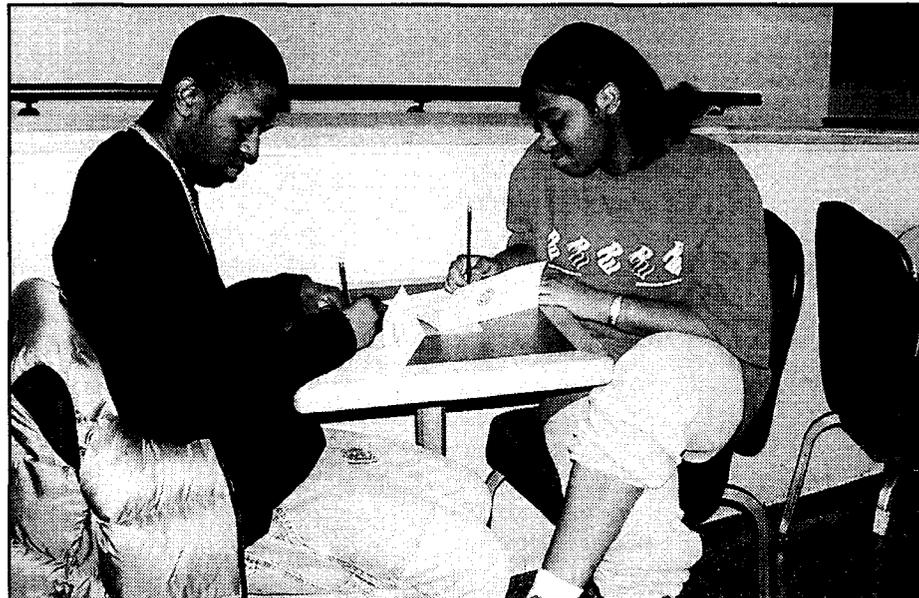


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

HELP WANTED— Butler High School seniors and twins Shaniel and Shanika Spencer are checking into the Army Emergency Relief Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund. Children of SFC Kelvin and Lindy Spencer, Shaniel plans on attending Morehouse College and Shanika has applied to Georgia Tech.

are based primarily on financial need according to income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances. Secondary issues are academics and leadership.

"It's really important that the applications are complete and on time," Foster

said. "Last year they had 2,831 applications but only 2,038 were complete." Out of those, 1,885 students were awarded a total of \$2,323,800.

Meeting the eligibility requirements, submitting all the required paperwork and getting the application mailed on time are

essential for consideration. Deadline for application is March 1. Scholarships are open to dependent children of Army soldiers on active duty, retired, or deceased while on active duty or after retirement and dependent children of certain active Army National Guard or Army Reserve soldiers. Applicants must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, unmarried for the entire academic year and under the age of 22 on June 1, 2002 based on the 2002-03 academic year.

Guidelines also stipulate that applicants be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as full-time dependent students for the entire academic year in post-secondary educational institutions (colleges, community colleges or vocational schools) accredited by the Department of Education and maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale for funds to be awarded or disbursed.

One of the biggest reported problems with the application is the student aid report. Applicants must file a student aid report as part of their application. Students obtain the Free Application For Federal Student Aid form from the school

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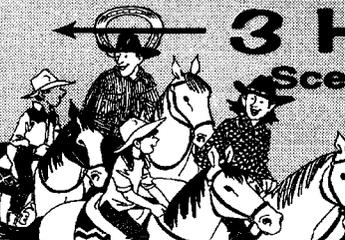
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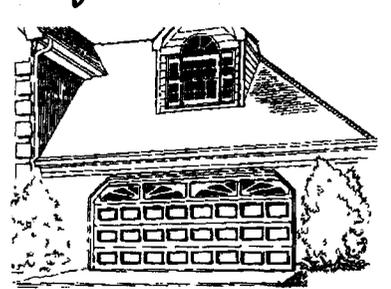
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New classrooms equipped with latest information technology

Distance learning program reduces need for travel

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Traditional classrooms enter the 21st century through a new program called Classroom XXI.

The goal is to take the capability to

learn and share technology straight into the information age. In 1996, the Army chief of staff approved a new plan for the Army Distance Learning Program.

"The program included making sure all Training and Doctrine Command installations have access to Classroom XXI," James Wood of the Army Distance Learning Program said.

Classroom XXI is an advanced instruc-

tional technology environment in which the soldier of the 21st century will train. Complete with video tele-training, multimedia workstations, Internet, CNN, live video and distance learning technology, soldiers will no longer have to leave their duty stations in order to get up-to-date training and Army doctrine.

"The program officially opened the doorway to developing and implementing

21st century training for the Army's soldiers, leaders and DA employees," Wood said.

And now that doorway has opened for Ordnance soldiers and civilians here.

On Oct. 17, the first of five Classroom XXI facilities was opened at Stillwell Hall. The other divisions with the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School are scheduled to receive Classroom XXIs as well.

Traditionally soldiers would be sent on temporary duty to other posts in order to get much needed training. But now thanks to the Classroom XXI program, soldiers only need to go down the street to get training.

Various munitions and electronics courses can now be taught here at home.

"It's very cost effective," Wood said. "It saves the Army thousands of dollars in TDY costs." The cost of installing the facility was funded by TRADOC. And money to maintain the state of the art facility will also come from TRADOC. The other four Classroom XXIs will be funded by TRADOC, too.

"We modernized the Arsenal's traditional classroom and brought it up to speed with the information age," Wood said. "The Arsenal now has the worldwide capability to obtain, share and collaborate on the training experience."

The new classroom also enhances the quality of life for servicemembers, he said. By reducing the time soldiers have to be away from their families, the Classroom XXI not only provides soldiers with the latest technology training, but also makes them happier while learning, Wood added.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

CLASSROOM XXI— Members of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School try out the new Classroom XXI. Created through a new Army Distance Learning Program, Classroom XXI is a traditional classroom modernized for the information age.

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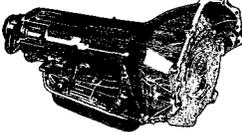
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Oktoberfest set for Saturday at Officers and Civilians Club

Taste of Germany comes to Redstone

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Redstone is gearing up for "the best party that we've seen in a long, long time," according to Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities.

The party is the newly rescheduled Oktoberfest set for 3 p.m. Saturday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

For \$20 a ticket, a person will get to listen to polka, receive a \$5 coupon for food or beverages and a choice of an Oktoberfest mug or T-shirt.

Carlson Wagonlit will have a pair of round trip tickets to Frankfurt, Germany as the grand prize to the door prize drawings. There will also be German foods, desserts, beverages, and coffees as well as entertainment by Mike Sheehy and the Moonlighters from 7 p.m. until midnight. Partygoers can also participate in a costume contest, yodeling contest, log cutting contest and a nail-driving contest.



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

WHERE'S THE SCHNITZEL?— Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities, shows off his German finery. The Oktoberfest will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event is open to the Redstone community.

There will be lots of good entertainment," Ahern said. "There will be something for everyone."

A new addition to the annual activities is a table-decorating contest. Individuals, directorates or sections can compete in dressing up tables with a German flair. The doors will open at 3 p.m. to allow time for setting up.

"We are not ruling out 'live' centerpieces," Ahern said. "Anything goes." A panel will pick the finalists, and the overall winners will be decided by popular vote.

The event is not open to the public because of the additional security measures in place at the Arsenal, but it is open to the entire Team Redstone community, Ahern said. The carnival rides have been canceled.

"We are all saddened by recent national events, but we felt it was time for the community to come together for some much needed fun," Ahern said.

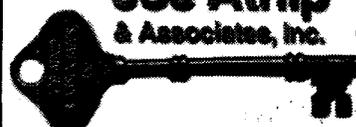
"It's going to be a good night," Bob Howell, manager of the Officers and Civilians Club, said. "It's an opportunity to mix, mingle and have fun."

Sheehy, leader of the scheduled band, the Moonlighters, has performed leading tenor roles with the New York City Opera Company, the Guild Opera Association of Los Angeles, and the Detroit and Chicago Civic Opera Companies. He has appeared in many Hollywood motion picture productions, including "Flying Leathernecks" and "Operation Pacific" with John Wayne, "Across the Wide Missouri" with Clark Gable, "City Across the River" with Tony Curtis, and more than 20 others including the Lone Ranger television series. Supper clubs across the country have heard Sheehy perform. Some of these include the Hotel New Yorker in New York City and the Waldorf Hotel, also in New York. Sheehy's career also extends into musical comedy. He has sung leading roles in more than 30 musicals.



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Kern confirmed as next commander of Army Materiel Command

WASHINGTON — The Senate has confirmed Lt. Gen. Paul Kern for a fourth star and the top job at the Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va.

Kern has held his current post as military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology since July 1997.

Also confirmed by the Senate for a new position was Lt. Gen. John Abizaid, who will serve as director of the joint staff. Maj. Gen. George Casey will take Abizaid's current position as the director for strategic plans and policy, J-5, Joint Staff. Casey will also get a third star, the Army said.

The Senate also confirmed Lt. Gen.

Kevin Byrnes to become director of the Army staff after serving as Army deputy chief of staff for programs.

Lt. Gen. Larry Jordan was also confirmed as deputy commanding general of the Training and Doctrine Command in Fort Monroe, Va. Jordan is the deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army in Germany.

Other recently confirmed nominees for new Army positions include Maj. Gen. Joseph Inge for commanding general of the First Army in Fort Gillem, Ga.; Maj. Gen. John LeMoyné for Army deputy chief of staff for personnel; and Brig. Gen. Michael Marchand for Army assistant judge advocate general.

■ Chances of anthrax exposure remote for most people

Mail

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the local police or dial 911.

If there was more than one person present in the room, make a list of all those who were there. This is to aid in the potential investigation and subsequent medical exams.

For helpful information about anthrax, Hooley recommends the Centers for Disease Control web site at www.cdc.gov. "All of that is really good sound advice from competent medical authorities," he said.

He stressed that people should be aware but not excessively fearful about this latest form of terrorism. Just look for and report suspicious letters or packages, Hooley advised.

"There's no reason for undue panic," he said. "But they should exercise due caution."

Dr. Ric Koler, a family physician at Fox Army Health Center, also pointed out the unlikelihood that most people would be exposed to anthrax. Minimal too is the mortality rate from the reported cases. Of the several mailing incidents and 100 or so people potentially exposed so far, one

person has died in Palm Beach County, Fla., from inhalation anthrax.

"Overall I think the individual's risk (for exposure) is low," Koler said. "I think it's worthwhile we use precautions," he added, referring to awareness of suspicious mailings.

The three ways to contract anthrax include: cutaneous, from spores entering the skin through a cut, scrape or scratch; intestinal, through eating something tainted, usually meat that was not sufficiently cooked; and inhalation, the most deadly version, by breathing in very small particles of anthrax. There are antibiotics, such as Cipro, to treat anthrax exposure. And the chances of dying from cutaneous exposure after treatment are less than 1 percent, according to Koler. But by the time the flu-like symptoms of the inhaled version appear, it's usually too late for the victim. There is no evidence that inhalation anthrax can be transmitted from person to person; it's not contagious, in other words.

"You probably have a higher risk of dying from pneumonia than you have of dying from cutaneous anthrax with modern treatment," Koler said.

But those who may touch a suspicious powder or material should definitely wash their hands and call authorities.

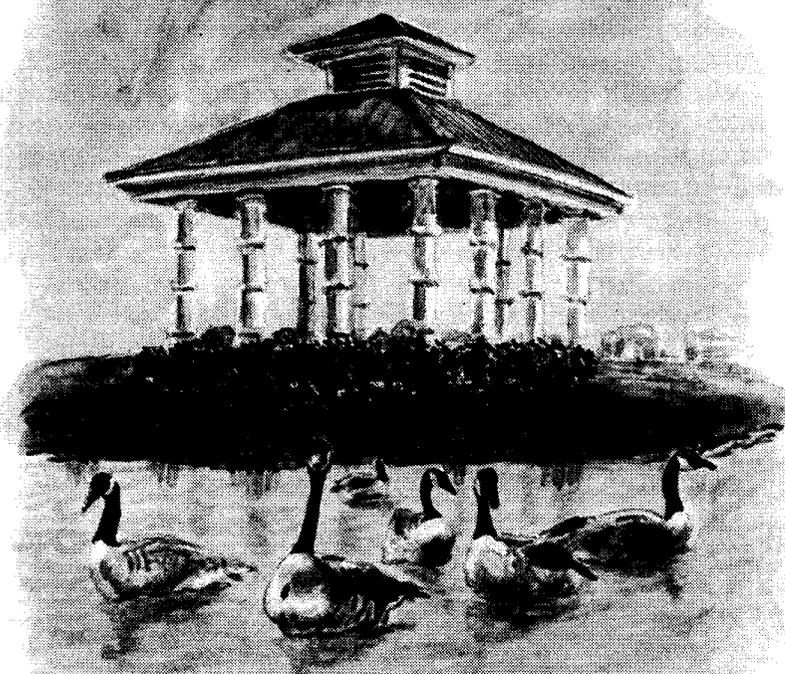
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Creating Communities that encourage
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Nutrition program on post gets healthy response

WIC office to expand hours for customer convenience

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

The Women, Infants and Children nutritional program on the Arsenal has been so successful, the office is expanding its hours from one to two days a week.

"Good health and nutrition are so important for children," Sheryl Gilbreath, nutrition associate at the Arsenal's WIC office, said. "Low iron levels can cause fatigue and even learning disabilities. Drinking lots of soda, juice and Kool-aid are the chief contributors to low iron levels. It takes away iron from the food you'd normally get iron from. Our program offers nutrition education as well as supplemental food to help children and breastfeeding moms get healthy and stay healthy."

As part of an outreach program for military families, Madison County opened a WIC office one day a week in May 2000. Due to the healthy response, the office now located in the ChildWise building at 1413 Nike St. is planning to open two days a week and offers certification, recertification, secondary nutrition educa-

tion and voucher pickup. More than 100 people on the Arsenal are registered with the program.

"It's so much more convenient to have an office here on post," Evelyn Durham, military spouse, said. "I didn't know about the WIC office here when I first called about the program. I called downtown and they told me it would be two weeks to get an appointment. I'd also heard that the wait was a couple of hours, with an appointment. This office makes it so easy. I could even walk here if I had to."

Durham also went on to encourage all military families to check out the program, saying that she has raised all four of her children with WIC, including daughter Journey, born Sept. 11.

"It promotes healthy kids," she said. "The program is really easy to do, especially with the offices so close. I never have a problem with the vouchers, no matter where I shop. Everything is marked on the shelf so you know which products are in the program and they give you a little booklet. I'm proud of the fact that I've raised four healthy kids."

"We're out on the Arsenal as a way to reach our military," Pat Wynn, area nutrition coordinator, said. "We want everyone eligible to take advantage of it. This isn't

welfare; it's a nutritional program. In fact, the income guidelines are 185 percent above poverty income guidelines."

Income eligibility guidelines for a family of two is pay less than \$21,479; family of three, less than \$27,068; family of four, less than \$32,653; family of five, \$38,240 and family of six, \$43,827.

Eligibility includes more than just meeting income requirements. Children — infants to 5 years of age — and prenatal or breastfeeding mothers must be at risk nutritionally. Part of the certification

process is a health assessment and hemoglobin check. This data is used to determine at risk women, infants and children.

Some of the supplemental foods included in the program are formula, cereals, eggs, cheese, milk, juices, dried beans or peas, carrots, peanut butter and tuna. Vouchers for the food are picked up at the WIC office and can be used at most stores.

For more information or to make an appointment at the WIC office, call 876-2798.

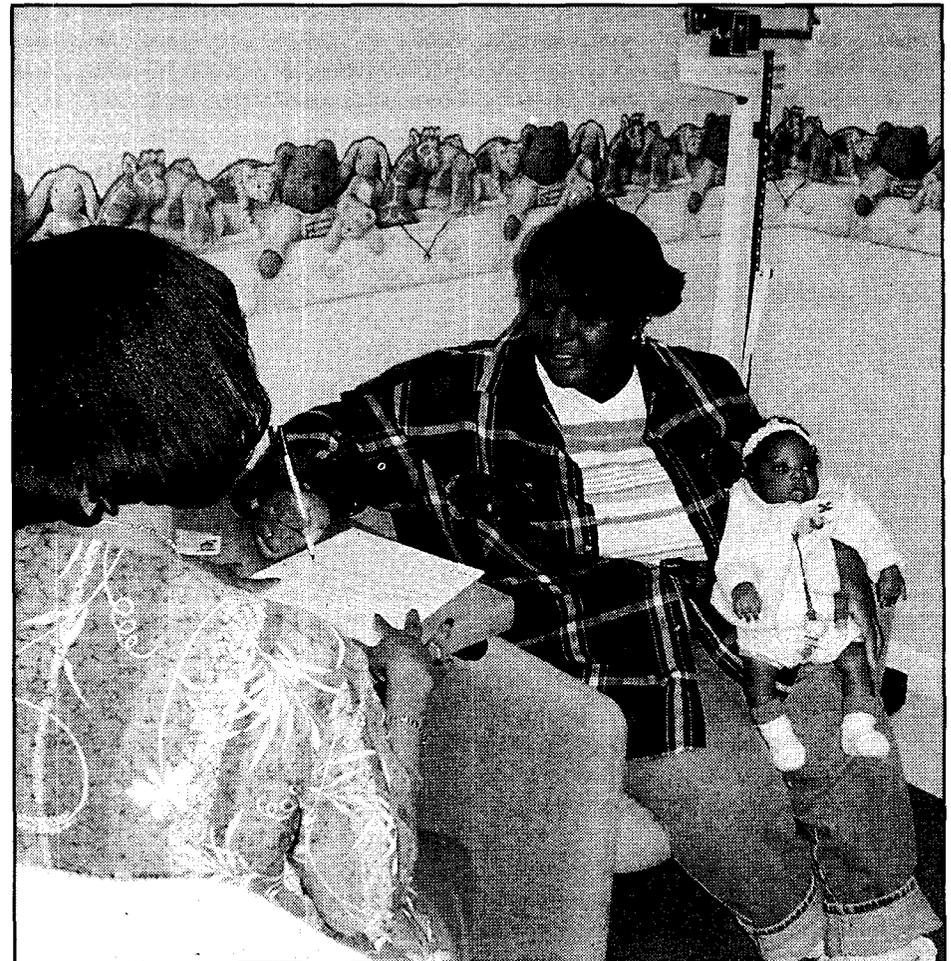


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

PROUD PARTICIPATION— Evelyn Durham with 5-week-old daughter, Journey, is proud to say she's raised four healthy children with the help of the Women, Infant and Children nutritional program and encourages all the military families to give it a try. Durham appreciates the convenience of the WIC office on post for appointments and voucher pickup.



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Fox Army Health Center Department of Pathology has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists, based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

The laboratory's director was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." Fox Army Health Center Department of Pathology is one of the

more than 6,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

Inspectors examine the records and quality control of the laboratory for the preceding two years, as well as the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, laboratory safety, and laboratory

management to determine how well the laboratory is serving the patient.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the

world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

■ PAC-3 on target in developmental test

Intercept

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successful intercept of an MQM-107 drone representing a cruise missile.

Another MQM-107 was intercepted July 28, 2000 during a test not included in the developmental test program. DT-6, conducted Oct. 14, 2000, was a successful intercept of a Storm target by a PAC-3 missile with a simultaneous engagement of an MQM-107 by a PAC-2 missile. DT-8, conducted March 31, 2001, was the most complex. It involved a simultaneous engagement of a Hera ballistic missile target using two PAC-3 missiles and a Patriot missile configured as a target by a PAC-2 missile. There were five missiles (two targets and three interceptors) in the air at one time and both targets were destroyed. The most recent flight test, Developmental Test/Opera-

tional Test-9, conducted July 9, was an attempted intercept of a theater ballistic missile and a full-scale jet aircraft with two PAC-3 missiles. The aircraft was intercepted and destroyed, but the missile intercept attempt was a miss. The remaining PAC-3 missions will involve PAC-3 missiles intercepting various classes of targets.

The Patriot program is managed by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in Washington, D.C., and executed by the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense and the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office in Huntsville. Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Dallas, is the prime contractor responsible for the PAC-3 missile segment. Raytheon Systems Company, the Patriot system prime contractor, is the system integrator for the PAC-3 missile segment. The Boeing Company of Huntsville produces the PAC-3 seeker.

■ Customers' input can make a difference

Survey

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measure customer satisfaction in several areas, including customer service, pricing, associate availability and friendliness, and merchandise availability and quantity. After analyzing the results, the exchanges are compared with each other and with other discount department stores in the United States.

"The CSI was designed to measure customer satisfaction on a broad range of factors," Kenny Barton, general manager of the Post Exchange, said. "To improve customer satisfaction, we need to understand not only what our customers tell us through survey results, but to also interact with them. We've got to move beyond just data collection because, to be a winner today, it's important not only to understand what our customers' needs are, but to know what it will take to exceed them."

When the final results are in, AAFES facilities that are acknowledged by their customers as exceeding their expectation will be presented with AAFES Customer Satisfaction Index Awards. The Commander's Awards for Excellence in Customer Service will be awarded in the following categories: best store in AAFES, best store in each region, most improved store in each region, and the store that's meeting or exceeding the industry average.

"When our customers complete their survey, we ask that they take the time to mail them back in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope that's provided," Barton said. "Their voice here at Redstone Main Exchange makes a difference, so I hope they will take the time to complete the survey so that we may measure our success and continue to improve."

Results from customer surveys administered in February 1999 show AAFES scores to be up 2 points over the previous year.

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Soldiers' families protected with new plan

Group life insurance extended to soldiers' spouses, children

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

"To be covered or not to be covered?" That is the question soldiers have to decide for their spouses now that family coverage is being offered to those insured under Servicemembers Group Life Insurance. But they better decide fast — the change in coverage is automatic and the deadline to decline is approaching quickly.

Thanks to the Veteran's Opportunities Act of 2001, SGLI is extending life insurance coverage to soldiers' spouses and children. Soldiers do not have to apply for the family coverage; it will begin automatically Nov. 1.

Spouses will be insured for \$100,000 and each dependent child for \$10,000. Cost of insurance for spouses will be based on the age of the spouse and the amount of insurance selected if the soldier elects to

reduce the automatic coverage amount.

If a soldier wants to decline or reduce the amount of coverage for his spouse, he must submit a form to his servicing military personnel officer. Coverage for eligible children cannot be declined or reduced since it's free.

"Soldiers will have to come in and decline (coverage) for their spouse no later than 20 November. To decline or reduce coverage, they have to go to their unit's personnel officer and fill out the correct form," Lew Spencer, AMCOM deputy adjutant general, said.

Beating the deadline is necessary to avoid premium deductions being collected during November. Although refunds will be issued to soldiers that decline or reduce coverage Nov. 20-30, there will be no refunds for soldiers that decline or reduce coverage after those dates.

The same system will be used worldwide. Those soldiers deployed overseas will have to decline or reduce coverage for their spouses by contacting their serv-

'I think spouses should take advantage of it. I don't think you're going to find a deal like this anywhere else and I like the security of knowing that I have additional coverage in case something happens.'

— Evelyn Teats
president,
Enlisted Spouses Club

icing military personnel officer and submitting the correct form by Nov. 20.

This is the first time family coverage is being extended to soldiers insured under SGLI. Spencer said he suspects most of the soldiers will probably want some coverage, but whether this change will receive positive response remains to be seen.

"I think it's a good deal," Evelyn Teats, president of the Enlisted Spouses Club, said. "I think spouses should take advantage of it. I don't think you're going to find a deal like this anywhere else and I like the security of knowing that I have additional coverage in case something happens. I do have coverage under another plan, but I'm going to do it. I think it's a good plan, I'm happy about it."

Although the maximum insurance coverage will be \$100,000 for spouses, soldiers will not be permitted to purchase more insurance on their spouse than they have on themselves. Each dependent child will be insured automatically for \$10,000 for as long as the soldier is insured.

The family coverage is available to all active duty soldiers as well as those reservists that are currently eligible for full-time SGLI. Soldiers in the Married Army Couples Program also are eligible for the coverage, but it is not available for those insured under the Veterans Group Life Insurance program.

Thrift savings option offered to soldiers

UNISERV allows soldiers to invest in their retirement

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

Soldiers now have the opportunity to participate in a thrift savings plan. Originally established for civilian employees in 1986, the plan was authorized for the uniformed services as of this month.

"The benefit is that TSP is now open-

ing to soldiers. Effective Oct. 9, along with their civilian counterparts in DoD, soldiers can apply for it and it's available to them through UNISERV (the Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan). A certain percentage of their earnings goes into the savings plan," Lew Spencer, AMCOM deputy adjutant general, said. "It gives them an additional 401(K) plan for some additional retirement funds."

The retirement savings and investment plan allows a member to invest his own

money and offers tax deferral advantages similar to those in a 401(K). Tax exempt earnings will not only be deferred but will remain exempt.

Any servicemember serving on active duty and any member of the ready reserve in any pay status is eligible to participate in the savings plan. Participation is voluntary, so interested servicemembers must apply to participate in the TSP during a special open season or any regular open season.

The special open season began Oct. 9 and ends Jan. 31. During that time, current members and those who join the uniformed services before Dec. 9 can apply for the savings plan. Regular open seasons will be held twice a year, November-January and May-July.

"(Soldiers that want to participate in the savings plan) need to go ahead and apply for it during that first open season,"

Spencer said. Members who do not enroll during the special open season will have to wait until the first regular season that begins in May.

Deductions for those applying during the special open season will begin the first applicable pay period in January 2002. Members can elect to start their TSP any time during an open season, but contributions will not begin before the last full month of that open season.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board operates the TSP solely for the benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries. The National Finance Center in New Orleans maintains the accounts and provides semiannual statements to all participants.

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Chairman asks troops to prepare for hardships

By SFC KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— Fighting terrorism is the most important thing America's armed forces have been asked to do since World War II, the military's top officer said.

"Everything else, at least for the next couple of years, will probably pale in comparison to efficiently and effectively carrying out the orders that the president of the United States has given us," said Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers.

Myers, in an American Forces Radio and Television Service interview to be broadcast to U.S. forces overseas, said he's counting on troops to stay focused on their missions and to take care of themselves and their comrades.

He warned that America is entering a whole new era of military engagement and that servicemembers should be prepared for long tours of duty away from home.

"We are at war," Myers said. "We will stretch the force, and I would just hope the force is going to understand that ... this is a global war on terrorism. It is defending what every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, (and) Coast Guardsman said when they raised their right hand and they took their oath — to defend and support the Constitution of (these) United

States.

"I mean we're defending freedom in the most specific and the broadest sense of that word," he added.

Myers said there's no question in his mind that there will be personal hardships among service members and their families. But, he added, he and the rest of the Joint Chiefs will do their best to mitigate that impact.

"Our job is going to be try to balance our war on terrorism with our exercise programs and everything else that we have going on, and try to balance it in a way that puts the minimum hardship on our people," Myers said. "But I hope the troops out there understand, this is really the most important task I've been assigned since I've been in the military."

The chairman also asked servicemembers' families to stand strong. "You're part of it, too, just like you always are," he said directly to families, then added, "so I would ask for their support of the servicemember piece of their family and we'll get through this just fine."

Deployed servicemembers also need to make every effort to communicate with family members back home.

"If you're overseas particularly, your family's going to worry about you, so communicate with them as you can," Myers said. "If you have access to e-mail,

then e-mail them. Write letters the old-fashioned way. But stay in contact, because, naturally, moms and dads and spouses are going to worry about members forward deployed. So, as you can, reassure them."

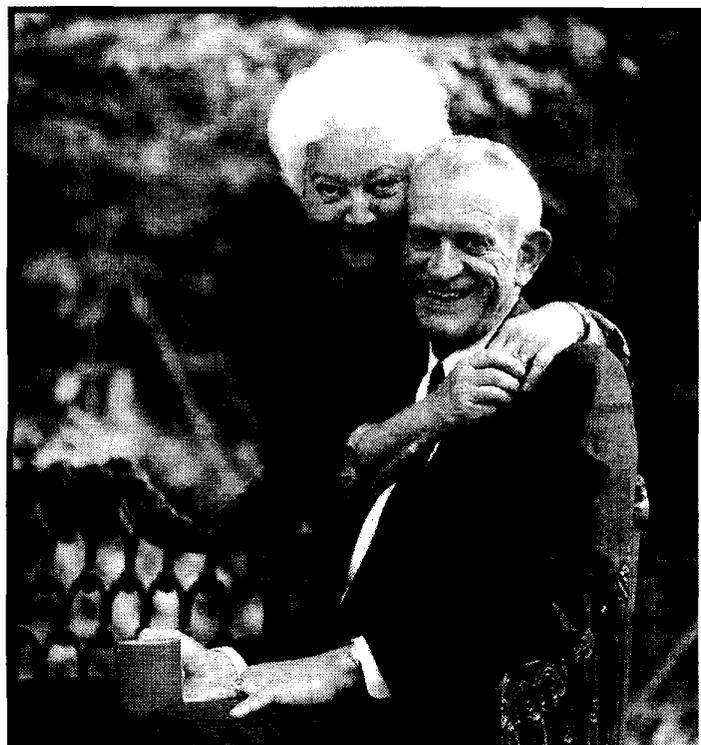
But most of all, he wants troops to believe in what they're doing. "If we're successful, then our nation will be victorious, and in the end, freedom will be victorious," Myers said. "And that's what it's all about."



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Turkey trot

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Annual charity campaign getting boost from silent auction

Tennessee Valley drive continues until Nov. 19

By **CLAUS MARTEL**
For the Rocket

The Combined Federal Campaign has started and with it comes the CFC Silent Auction, offering items donated by local businesses, artists, and Team Redstone employees.

"We're really excited about the selections and the many early bids," Gay Money, chairman of CFC's Local Federal Coordinating Committee for this year, said. "We've had a good early response and hope to add items every day until the end of the campaign."

All items can be viewed at the following Tennessee Valley CFC web site: www.cfc-huntsville.org. The Corporate Information Center has put a link to it on the AMCOM Intranet web site.

Items range from original paintings by local artists, a Radio Flyer Wagon, a handmade lap quilt, NASCAR collectables, and a handmade egg that was crafted for the White House.

Mike Chemsak, chief of the recreation and family support division, submitted his decorative egg to the American Egg Board for the annual egg display at the White House last April.

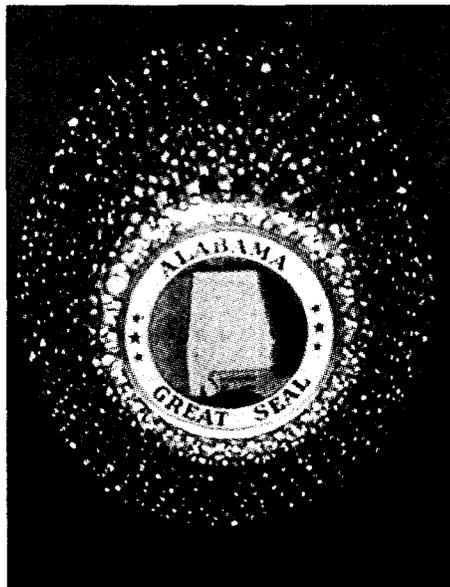


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EXECUTIVE EGG— Mike Chemsak decorated this egg for the annual egg display at the White House last April. It's among the items up for auction.

All items will be on display at the CFC web site until Nov. 19 when the campaign closes. Bidders will be notified of their winning bids the next day.

If anyone has items to donate for this silent auction, call 876-9143 or e-mail the silent auction monitor as follows: auction@cfc-huntsville.org.



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SPECIAL WREATH— Gay Money, chairman of CFC's Local Federal Coordinating Committee, holds up a wreath donated for the silent auction.

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the application."

Scholarship awards are not affected by whether or not students receive financial aid from other sources. Letters are mailed in early summer to all on-time applicants stating scholarship award status. Funds are disbursed to the school in August.

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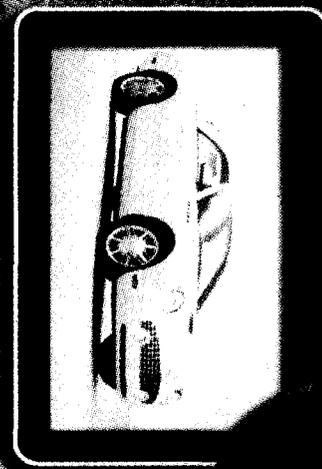
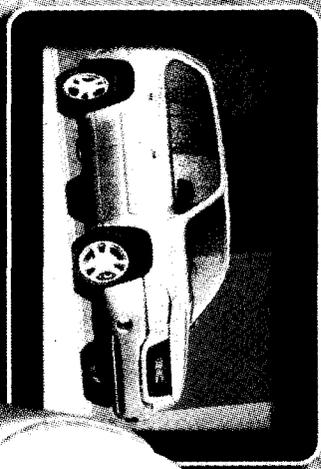
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Your Guide to Next Year's Hot New Models



The Huntsville Times

The new word for cars is 'hybrid'

By Bob Plunkett
Special for The Huntsville Times

The buzzword to describe 2002 automobiles is the hybrid, meaning a cross between one type of vehicle and another.

There are hybrids crossing a truck and a car, such as Honda's CR-V that looks like a sport-utility but uses the chassis of a sedan for car-like manners.

Other hybrids aim for fuel efficiency, like Toyota's Prius sedan.

It combines a thrifty gasoline engine with a battery-powered electric motor, then adds a computer to control energy produced by the two motors and applies that energy to the vehicle's front wheels in infinitely variable measures.

And the latest hybrid of 2002 merges a beefy pickup truck with a plush sport-utility wagon and a practical family sedan.

Ford was first with this bright idea, producing the Sport Trac off Explorer's wagon

platform in 2001, but for 2002 more variations follow, including the new Avalanche by Chevrolet with a MidGate on the back wall of the cabin that folds down flat after the back seat tumbles forward to create a generous extension of the truck box stretching more than eight feet.

Cadillac has its own version of this unique new truck based on the Escalade four-door wagon. Called Escalade EXT, it provides all of the features of Avalanche plus luxurious appointments in the cabin and a humongous V8 engine under the hood.

The newest Lincoln — Blackwood — is another hybrid that looks like a big truck but functions like an oversized limousine built with a higher stance and stronger engine, plus plush gear in the cabin. The truckbed adds a rigid tonneau cover that opens and closes by power controls to reveal trunk-like space.



Derived from Chevrolet's super-size Suburban wagon, Avalanche discards Suburban's boxy rear bay in favor of the shortened bed of a pickup truck. There's a husky V8 engine under the hood, a four-wheeling traction mechanism that automatically channels torque to all wheels, and a heavy-duty automatic transmission to manage so much power. But Avalanche has yet another feature that sets it apart from other vehicles: The back wall of the cabin also works as a door. It folds down flat after the back seat tumbles forward and forms a generous extension of the truck box, which grows from 63 to 97 inches.



Cadillac's Escalade, built on the redesigned full-size GM truck chassis with the enhanced structure of sub-equivalent full-size wagons that rolled out in year 2000, gains sophisticated new mechanical technologies not available on the other wagons, as well as a power boost from the high-compression treatment of a new Vortec 6000 V8 engine. Three rows of leather-clad seats provide room for seven riders plus cargo space. Up front, plush buckets put power to seat controls and internal heat elements. Second-row seats split in 60/40 sections that slide forward or fold, and the third bench splits in the middle and flips forward. A backlit instrument panel brings new analog gauges and there's a new Driver Information Center on the center dash, plus an automatic climate system and Bose Acoustimas audio system with 11 speakers scattered around the cabin and a dashboard CD changer that holds six discs.

Lincoln Blackwood merges a truck, wagon and plush luxury car

By Bob Plunkett
Special for The Huntsville Times

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — What happens when you blend a full-size pickup truck with a king-size sport-utility wagon and a four-door luxury sedan?

The resultant hybrid vehicle — sturdy like the powerful truck but accommodating and spacious like the big wagon and trimmed in soft leathers and glossy hardwoods like the elite sedan fitted with all the equipment of convenience and comfort — forges a unique classification as the world's only SULT, or Sport-Utility Luxury Truck.

Product developers for the luxurious Lincoln brand from Ford Motor Company call this big truck-wagon-sedan by another name: Blackwood.

Lincoln's Blackwood reaches



Lincoln's Blackwood looks like a big truck but functions like an oversized limousine.

and more space in that truckbed trunk.

Despite a hefty curb weight of almost three tons, it's a nimble machine that's surprisingly easy to steer through curves or maneuver in traffic.

It's also quiet powerful when

situations but firmer responses when loaded or turning.

A power mechanism in the steering system relates to vehicular speed so the driver has more assistance for turning the wheel at low speed, such as in a parking lot. At higher speeds, the steering system

Toyota crafts a new Camry

By Bob Plunkett
Special for The Huntsville Times

Toyota presents an assortment of passenger cars for the 2002 model-year in a range of sizes and functions — everything from miserly economy cars to elegant sedans, sporty coupes and convertibles, even a racy roadster.

New concepts introduced last year expanded the line, such as Prius, a hybrid concept in the shape of a four-door sedan but with a gasoline engine as well as an electric motor below the hood.

Prius rates as a Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (SULEV), yet it still brings reasonable performance and has space inside an innovative cabin for five adult passengers.

Another Toyota subcompact, the Echo, follows Prius but draws power solely from a fuelish gasoline engine.

Toyota casts the Celica compact car as a coupe scored with rakish lines and skewed with aggressive manners.

Another sporty label — Solara — comes in coupe and convertible styles off the mid-size Camry platform.

A pop-top two-seater called MR2 Spyder with mid-engine balance continues in 2002 following its debut last year.

Sedans by Toyota segment into three sizes with compact Corolla, mid-size Camry and full-size Avalon.

Camry, Toyota's icon, has been reinvented for 2002.

This new Camry is an even larger package than the fourth generational design from 1996 and it's stocked with larger engines that produce more power yet improve on fuel efficiency. It's also more agile but fosters a smoother ride quality, and there's more interior content provided to create a more comfortable environment for passengers.

CAMRY: A new platform was developed as the foundation for the 2002 Camry and, compared to the previous version, it grows substantially in every direction.

Almost two inches were

appearance package with perforated leather on the steering wheel and shift knob.

SOLARA CONVERTIBLE: A convertible Solara like the coupe shows new front styling and offers the same power-trains.

It has an electric-powered top and glass rear window.

Solara's latest exterior shade is Lunar Mist Metallic.

AVALON: Toyota's largest sedan repeats for 2002 without change, save for the new color choice of Stratosphere Mica.

Avalon is the expansion idea drawn from Camry but there's more room, more comforts and more power. It has seats for up to six riders inside a structure that shares Camry's components, including a V6 power-train.

In Avalon the 3.0-liter V6 musters 210 hp.

COROLLA: The compact-class Toyota sedan also returns without change for 2002 following fresh styling revisions last year that added a streamlined prow and multi-reflector headlamps.

Corolla divides into CE, LE and sporty S editions. The S displays unique wheel covers, foglamps and black mirrors.

Inside, sport bucket seats flank the console, with instruments including tachometer glowing in red light.

CELICA: A daring design for Toyota's compact coupe brings angular lines and curt overhangs for a muscular stance. The optional Action Package installs more, like front aero bumpers, side rocker panels and a rear wing.

Celica's twin-cam four-pack engine fires the GT-S edition to 180 hp and links to either a six-speed manual or four-speed automatic. The GT has another version rated at 140 hp, with five-speed manual or the automatic.

MR2 SPYDER: This open-top roadster with mid-engine design frames the excitement of a sports car in the context of masterful Japanese mechanical technology. It's simple in design, direct in function — and fun to drive.

Kia adds minivan to product line

Kia's minivan is sized between other minivans with short and long wheelbases

Kia, the automaker from South Korea now owned by the larger Korean automaker Hyundai, continues to expand its product portfolio for 2002 by adding a value-packed minivan to the line plus a four-door hatchback wagon derived from the subcompact Rio sedan. The new minivan, called Sedona, totes a big V6 engine and a

spacious cabin with three rows of seats for up to seven passengers. Rio's hatchback goes by the name of Cinco, Spanish for five, which is the number of doors on the wagon. Last year, Kia's array of cars more than doubled with the introduction of the Rio sedan — lowest-priced car in America — and Spectra, a hatchback sedan built on the platform of Kia's notchback four-door Sephia. Another new label — the mid-size Optima sedan — also emerged as the largest vehicle for the fleet, and the most luxurious. Taken off Hyundai's Sonata sedan, Optima promotes V6 power and

spacious room for five in a refined cabin that's impressively quiet. This year's Optima earns a larger engine with more available power. The rugged Sportage sport-utility vehicle continues for Kia in 2002 with more features added. And all Kia models for 2002 are backed by an impressive warranty shield that provides up to ten years (or 100,000 miles) of powertrain protection.

A new minivan rolls out as the latest vehicle to wear the badge of Kia. Sized in the middle between other minivans with short and long wheelbases, Sedona brings all of the favored minivan features, from twin sliding side doors to three rows of seats for seven riders, deluxe appointments in a spacious cabin, and strong power from a V6 engine. The 2.5-liter plant produces 195 hp but runs on regular unleaded fuel. Sedona looks good, showing crisp and clean lines with a tall band of cladding in contrasting color wrapping around the base of the body below sleek geometric forms. The face is raked rearward in aero fashion, as is the windshield, followed by tall expanses of dark windows. Sedona also looks good in terms of its package size, functionality of the cabin and seat arrangements, plus built-in safety systems and a long list of preferred features as standard equipment. But it looks best when viewed from the bottom line. The two trim editions — Sedona LX and EX — carry MSRP prices pegged for thousands below competitors.



Kia's new Sedona sports all the favored minivan features.

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Honda revamps product line

By Bob Plunkett
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The passenger cars, minivans and wagons developed by Honda — a worldly automaker originating in Japan but now with extensive design and production facilities in North America — represent a diverse fleet that collectively ranks as the least-polluting vehicles in the American marketplace.

Honda's line for 2002 evolves with the introduction of new generational designs for the CR-V compact four-door sport-utility that rides on the platform of a car. The revamped CR-V measures larger in all dimensions than previous editions, and it produces more power and gains more sophisticated hardware, along with an enhanced new structure that tames noises and vibrations.

New designs are also apparent for the new evolutionary treatment of Honda's Odyssey minivan that rolls out in 2002.

Odyssey in new form boosts performance with 30 hp more coming from its V6 engine mated to a five-speed automatic transmission. In addition, Odyssey's new design applies more safety systems such as rear disc brakes and standard dual side air bags, and it brings a refined ride quality.

Honda's Insight two-seat coupe, introduced last year as the first gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle available in America, became the first production car in the USA to achieve fuel-economy ratings of 68 mpg for highway driving. Insight returns for 2002 with an available continuously-variable transmission (CVT) that boasts of fuel efficiency only fractionally less than with a five-speed manual.

Other popular Hondas also return for 2002 with the mid-size Accord sedan and coupe, compact-class Civic sedan plus a new Si three-door hatchback due later in the year, and a racy two-seat roadster, S2000, with more equipment aboard.

Missing from Honda's 2002 line are the retired Prelude sports coupe and the Passport sport-utility wagon.

CR-V: Honda's compact-class four-door sport-utility wagon grows up with the new evolutionary designs that emerge for 2002.

The wagon rides on a new platform with new body design that expands in size to create best-in-class space in the cabin with two rows of seats for five riders. It's longer, wider and taller than the previous CR-V and there are more comfortable seats aboard with many new amenities.

CR-V gains power with the four-cylinder engine expanding from 2.0 liters to 2.4 liters and now producing 160 hp plus substantially more torque. The four-speed automatic and five-speed manual transmissions for this engine were extensively reworked to provide more precise shift points.

Honda's optional Real Time four-wheel-drive system automatically distributes engine torque to the front and rear wheels in response to changing traction conditions on the roadbed.

There are two levels for trim on 2002 CR-V with LX and EX designations. The Real Time 4WD system is available on LX but becomes the standard on EX.

ODYSSEY: Honda's minivan boosts power and gains standard equipment for safety and comfort with the revised editions of 2002.

Introduced in 1999 on a large and broad platform, Odyssey sets the floor at a low level like a car so you may easily step inside or out. The extended chassis, derived from Honda's Accord sedan and rigged with car-like independent suspension and steering mechanisms, stretches the wheelbase to 118 inches and the length to 201 inches.

The 3.5-liter V6 engine increases output from 210 to 240 hp and links to a new five-speed automatic transmission.

Disc brakes apply now to all wheels and side-impact air bags along with frontal air bags are standard equipment for both trim series of LX and EX.

Inside, there are three rows

of seats in place, with twin buckets in front followed by a middle row of convertible buckets and a back bench for two that folds flat into the floor in a neat disappearing act to make room for cargo. Two sliding side doors open and close via power controls.

CIVIC: The compact-class sedan from Honda was revamped last year with more features and efficient new powertrains.

All Civics contain a four-cylinder aluminum engine that earns ULEV (ultra low emission vehicle) certification in every state. Three variations apply, with the mileage-leading Civic HX edition using a lean-burn version that achieves 117 hp and the DX and LX equipped with a standard edition at 115 hp but the EX souped to 127 hp.

ACCORD: Honda's mid-size sedan and coupe return for the fifth year in the current cycle with two new models.

The new Accord SE coupe and sedan are based on the four-cylinder LX Accord with an automatic transmission but special features installed, such as special 15-inch alloy wheels, a moonroof and keyless entry system, security device and three-in-one audio package with CD player.

Accord also offers V6 power in two trims.

INSIGHT: The unique Honda hybrid coupe pares body



The Honda CR-V wagon rides on a new platform with a new body design.

weight through the extensive use of a lightweight aluminum frame. Then, to maximize fuel efficiency, the vehicle uses a modest three-cylinder gasoline engine and an electric motor working together to produce fuel economy figures up to 68 mpg.

S2000: Honda's two-seat sports car is drawn in classic roadster format with a front-mounted engine directing strong horsepower to the two rear wheels.

It has a rigid monocoque chassis, four-wheel double wishbone suspension, precise rack and pinion steering system, four disc brakes with anti-lock controls, a tight race-type six-speed gearbox, and a high-tech 2.0-liter aluminum four-cylinder engine that produces 240 hp.

FAST FACTS

2002 HONDA CR-V WAGON

Description	Compact 4-door SUV
Model options	2WD: LX 4WD: LX / EX
Wheelbase	2WD: 103.1 inches 4WD: 103.2 inches
Overall length	178.6 inches
Engine size	DOHC 2.4-L I4
Transmissions/speeds	LX 2WD: Auto/4 LX 4WD: Manual/5, Auto/4 EX 4WD: Manual/5, Auto/4
Rear/front drive	2WD (front), Real Time 4WD
Steering	Power rack and pinion
Braking	Power 4-disc EX: ABS
Air bags	2 (front) LX: + opt. 2 (side) EX: 2 (side)
EPA mileage est. city/hwy	2WD A/4: 22/26 mpg 4WD M/5: 22/25 mpg 4WD A/4: 22/26 mpg
Price range est	\$ 19,000 to \$ 23,000

Pontiacs acquire racy new styling points

Pontiac in 2002 pushes a line of aggressive coupes and daring convertibles, slick sedans and functional minivans, plus a one-of-a-kind sport-recreation vehicle. The collection includes legendary automotive nameplates like Bonneville, Grand Prix, Grand Am, Firebird and Trans Am. In addition, there's a price-leader subcompact Sunfire, the big Montana minivan and Aztek SRV. Aztek for 2002 reveals a streamlined exterior in monochromic color with a spoiler on the tail and larger tires to hold

with the tail spoiler. Trim designations have been simplified with the elimination of a GT model, leaving Aztek as either the front-wheel-drive edition or an all-wheel-drive model. A four-wheeling Aztek employs the Versatrak system that detects tire rotational differences between front and rear wheels during low-traction conditions, then directs power to either or both rear wheels momentarily before actual tire slippage occurs up front. Some features optional last year have been added to the standards

Polo Green and Dark Blue Metallic. Bonneville's base SE edition and the luxurious SLE draw from a 3.8-liter V6 plant that makes 205 hp, but sport-tuned SSEi uses a supercharger to boost output to 240 hp. This top Bonneville also loads up the high-tech equipment, including a StabiliTrak stability controller.

FIREBIRD: Three coupes and two convertibles mark Pontiac's muscle car — Firebird, Formula and Trans Am. Firebird's coupe and convertible contain more standard

all Sunfire trims support more standard features, like a tilting steering wheel, electronic trunk release and an auxiliary power outlet.

GRAND AM: The best-selling Pontiac is a compact-class two-door coupe or four-door sedan divided into three trims. Both SE and SE1 issues for coupe and sedan carry the new 2.2-liter EcoTec twin-cam four, delivering 140 hp. The optional 3.4-liter V6 for SE brings 170 hp, but ram-air induction cranks up 175 hp in GT coupe and sedan.

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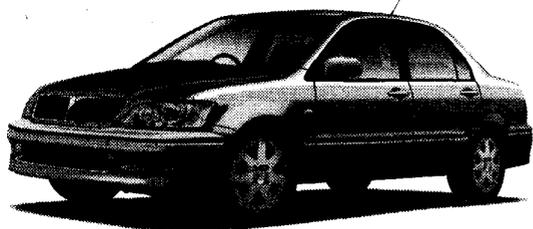


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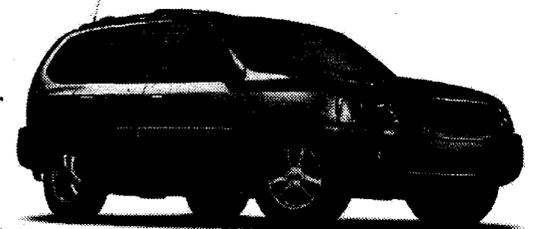


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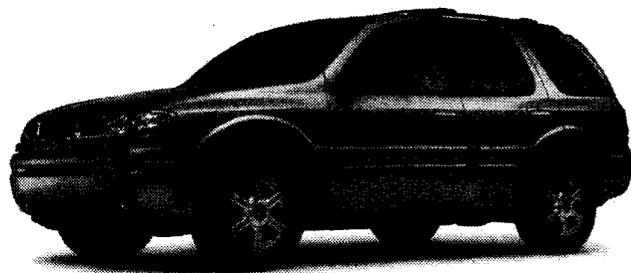
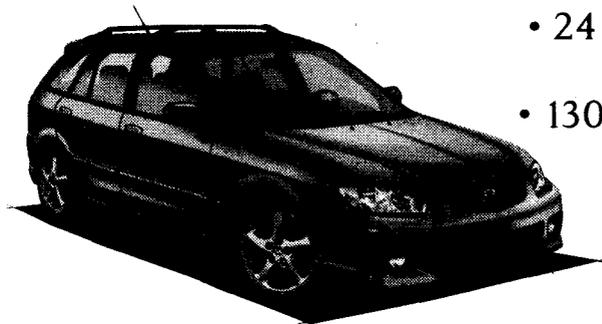


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Infiniti Q45 premium luxury car doubles for racy performance

By Bob Plunkett
Special for The Huntsville Times

ROME, Italy — There's no question that the fastest route to Rome, heading south down the peninsular boot of Italy, happens to be the A1 freeway — the autostrada primo, as Italians call it — which follows the Tiber River into the ancient capital.

It's a smooth road of multiple lanes with attentive drivers and relaxed speed limits that combine to move the traffic at an excessive clip.

Still, intense muscle stemming from a prototype issue of the Q45, a stunning new treatment of the prime luxury sedan from Infiniti of Japan, propels this powerful car to the lead in the A1 fast lane.

The needle of this Q's speedometer in a crisp electro-luminescent display easily surpasses the mark of 220 kilometers per hour (about 136 mph) for extended periods, yet even more juice remains in the accelerator.

In fact, there's so much latent power in that pedal that at a lesser speed — a mere 150 kph (93 mph) — only a gentle tap to the throttle snaps shoulders back into a padded bucket seat and hurls more than two tons of metal, leather and chrome forward in a shocking display of accelerative force.

Such strength, drawn from a sophisticated new V8 engine that produces as much as 340

horsepower, clearly casts this new rendition of the luxury flagship in Infiniti's fleet in a different light.

It's feisty now and so enthused in spirit that the Q45 behaves like a superior sports machine.

However, the classy new exterior styling — hard cut lines and sensuous curves carved from painted metal and glittery chrome, plastic and glass — along with cushy interior appointments — supple leather hides and high-gloss hardwoods plus a host of high-tech electronic gear — portray a different image, one of premium refinement for an ultimate luxury sedan.

This contradiction of personality is integral to the fundamental plan for a new Q45, as Infiniti stakes a bold position for its flagship as a muscular and aggressive performance car draped in a dramatic package and fitted with consummate features for comfort and convenience.

Trekking to Italy to drive a Japanese sedan designed for America's luxury market was prompted by the potential for high speed tests on Italian freeways, which quickly demonstrate the dominating characteristics of a new powertrain in the Q.

Its quickness clearly wins the acceleration contest in this class of full-size luxury performers, as the Q45 can rip

from zero to 60 mph in something less than six seconds.

But narrow back roads cast like wiggly spaghetti noodles across the hills of Tuscany in Chianti also show the lithe and agile nature of a vehicle that's obviously designed to appeal to a hands-on kind of driver.

The rigid new platform for Q45, with wheelbase extending for 1.6 inches longer than Q's predecessor and the structure expanding almost an inch in width and two inches in height, supports fully independent suspension elements mounted on subframes, including a new multi-link design at the rear. Shock tuning produces the impeccably smooth ride of an imported luxury car yet the stiffness of the chassis in conjunction with the independent suspension projects the nimble attitude of a vehicle far smaller than the full-size dimensions of Q might suggest.

High-tech hardware driven by microcomputers also consorts to effect the controlled handling traits. Subtle force governs the quick rack and pinion steering system, while a big disc brake goes to every wheel, plus linkage to anti-lock action, a traction controller and brake booster for maximum force in emergency maneuvers.

Further, the Q carries Infiniti's Vehicle Dynamic Control, a computerized system coupled to brakes and powertrain that can automatically correct the vehicle's lateral skidding on slippery pavement and move it back into a safe forward track.

And optional equipment due soon after the first Q45s reach the American market this spring adds a smart cruise control system that uses lasers and actuators on throttle and brakes to measure the distance to a car ahead in the path, then adjusts the throttle or applies brakes as needed to maintain a pre-set distance between the vehicles.

GMC truck and SUV line sport power and variety

Powerful pickup trucks in three sizes and sport-utility wagons also in three formats comprise the truck and wagon line for 2002 from the GMC Truck Division of General Motors. Trucks begin with full-size Sierra, a light-duty (half-ton) pickup that's the bestseller for GMC.

SIERRA LD: The light-duty Sierra trucks for 2002 in half-ton 1500 models include Wideside and Sportside body styles, rear-wheel and four-wheel traction models, and cabs of regular or extended length. Two new Sierra Professional models emerge with custom cabin features for the worker who uses a truck as an office. With the Extended Cab design and a short box in back, the 2WD and 4WD trucks add a vast center console designed to carry a computer, file folders, even an electric cooler. New Sierra Denali with all-wheel-drive system adds Quadrateer four-wheel-steering for improved high-speed stability but low-speed maneuverability.

SIERRA HD: With a wider track and higher stance, Sierra HD (heavy-duty) trucks stretch to king-size dimensions and vary in exterior styling from the light-duty Sierra due to ornate grillework and muscular shoulders with color-keyed wheelwell flares on the sides. Cabs of regular and extended

lengths plus the four-door Crew Cab are available with car-like comforts inside. Muscular engines power these trucks to the top of the heavy-duty class, including a big-block 8.1-liter Vortec with 340 hp and a Duramax turbo-diesel that musters 300 hp plus as much as 520 lb-ft of torque at only 1800 rpm. The gross combined weight ratings for Sierra HD trucks maximize payloads and trailer-pulling capacities, as the big-block V8 for some 3500 HD models pushes to 11400 lbs and beyond, and trailer ratings hit 12000 lbs.

SONOMA: GMC's compact truck brings choices of three cab sizes, rear-wheel or four-wheel traction, plus an automatic active transfer case and V6 or four-cylinder engine. Air conditioning and a tachometer appear now as standard equipment for all issues, and a third door is included in all Extended Cab editions.

ENVOY: A new design for four-door Envoy is larger than the predecessor compact wagon. Chassis grows in length and breadth, with the wheelbase drawing six inches longer and the distance between wheels spreading too. The larger platform produces a larger structure, which elevates Envoy to the mid-size class among SUVs and results in a roomy cabin with four passenger doors and seats for five.

Best-in-class power comes from a new straight-six engine that generates the high horsepower of a V8 engine but the fuel efficiency of a V6. The 4.2-liter six yields 270 hp as linked to a heavy-duty four-speed automatic transmission.

YUKON: GMC's full-size sport-utility wagon rides on the platform of Sierra and totes Sierra powertrains, plus new electronic automatic transmissions for 2002 issues. Powertrains range from a 275 hp 4.8-liter V8 to a 5.3-liter edition for 285 hp, with both linked to an upgraded automatic four-speed transmission. The four-wheel-drive Yukon adds an active transfer case and optional Autoride continuously-variable suspension.

YUKON XL: The XL version is built on the structure of Yukon but with inches added in length — more power too. Half-ton XL stocks Yukon's Vortec 5.3-liter V8, while the three-quarter-ton XL gets a 6.0-liter V8 with 320 hp. Further, a big-block 8.1-liter Vortec at 340 hp is available for the largest XL and increases tow rating to 12000 lbs.

YUKON DENALI / YUKON LX DENALI: Denali represents the top of the line for Yukon and Yukon XL in deluxe editions equipped with leather seats, a permanently-engaged all-wheel-drive system and smooth Autoride suspension.

FAST FACTS

2002 INFINITI Q45 SEDAN
Description.....Full-size luxury sedan
Model options.....Q45
Wheelbase.....113.0 inches
Overall length.....199.6 inches
Engine size.....DOHC 4.5-L V8
Transmissions/speeds.....Auto/5
Rear/front drive.....Rear
Steering.....Power rack and pinion
Braking.....Power 4-disc/ABS/EBD/TCS/VDC
Air bags.....2 (front) + 2 (side) + 2 (side curtain)
EPA mileage est. city/hwy....17/23 mpg
Price range.....\$ 50,500 to \$ 58,680

Lexus aims for luxury and performance

Dramatic new concepts canted toward sporty performance and a remake of the mid-size staple sedan highlight changes at work for the 2002 array of vehicles from Lexus, elite upshot brand from Toyota of Japan.

During the previous model-year, Lexus revamped the flagship LS 430 sedan and



Lexus ES 300

class RX 300.

As the only Lexus sedan oriented with a front-wheel-drive system, the ES.300 has been a

Bold and fluid forms characterize Mercury's line

Vehicles that make up the Mercury line from the Lincoln-Mercury Division of Ford Motor Company show styling features that characterize the brand visually with bold and fluid forms.

Chevrolet offers up a diverse collection

The Chevrolet Division of General Motors constructs a diverse collection of passenger cars for 2002 that range from fuel-efficient commuter cars and refined family sedans to sporty coupes and convertibles, plus the ultimate American sports car, racy Corvette.

Four-door sedans come in four sizes with subcompact Prizm, compact Cavalier and mid-size Malibu, plus full-size Impala. Coupes include a compact Cavalier, mid-size Monte Carlo, the classic Camaro muscle car and a two-seat Corvette. Camaro and Corvette also work as Chevrolet's convertibles.

Cavalier for 2002 adds the new LS Sport Coupe and LS Sport Sedan, each powered by a new EcoTec four-cylinder engine. Prizm pares to a single trim for the final edition, as more safety features go into Malibu, Monte Carlo and Impala.

Corvette has a souped-up Z06 special edition that represents the pinnacle of the line and ranks as the quickest in Corvette's 49-year history. Also, the top Camaro — legendary Z28 — draws from a variation of Corvette's LS1 V8 and makes a limited edition 35th Anniversary Package for the

SS Coupe and SS Convertible.

Trucks wearing the bow-tie of Chevrolet for 2002 include the full-size Silverado LD (light-duty) pickup, a larger and stronger variation called Silverado HD (heavy-duty), plus compact trucks in the S-10 series.

Behemoth Silverado HD trucks, built on a modular structure to allow multiple configurations for cabin size and box length, ripple with enthused strength from powertrains that muscle up to the head of the heavy class in terms of horsepower, torque and towing.

The series includes 2500HD three-quarter-ton and one-ton 3500HD trucks with cabs of regular and extended lengths or the four-door Crew Cab, plus two traction systems and three humongous engines. In addition, a new Silverado 1500 HD combines the look of a half-ton pickup with the strength of the three-quarter-ton frame and powertrain. Silverado LD trucks in 1500 (half-ton) and medium-duty 2500 (three-quarter-ton) sizes bring options for cab and box sizes, powertrains, traction and payloads.

A unique spin-off truck goes by the name of Avalanche. It has the abbreviated bed of a pickup plus the big cabin of a sport-utility wagon with four doors and two rows of seats for six. The compact-class S-10 trucks gain equipment in 2002 and segment into three cab sizes with the two-door Regular Cab, three-door Extended Cab and four-door Crew Cab.

Chevrolet's badge shows up on a diverse collection of truck-based wagons with multiple choices for size, power, traction and trim.

This year's group of sport-utility vehicles run from subcompact and compact to mid-size, full-size and even super-



Chevy Trailblazer

size, thanks to Tracker, Blazer, TrailBlazer, Tahoe and Suburban.

In addition, Chevrolet carries the Venture minivan with its wheelbase extends long and three tiers of seats inside plus a sliding door on each side. Chevy's wagon class expands by one in 2002, thanks to new TrailBlazer that spins off the compact-class Blazer platform. Its wheelbase stretches six inches further than the four-door Blazer, which bumps TrailBlazer up to the mid-size wagon category and carves out a spacious cabin with seats for five plus a cargo bay of 40 cubic feet.

Blazer continues as a 2002 wagon but adds features and packages, like an optional leather group. Tiny Tracker

conforms to two-door and four-door formats, the latter now drawing V6 power. Full-size Tahoe in half-ton 1500 series divides into three trims and brings choices for rear-wheel-drive and all-wheel traction, plus strong V8 powertrains.

Super-size Suburban in half-ton 1500 or three-quarter-ton 2500 series also applies either four-wheel or rear-wheel-drive mechanism and has three humongous engine options that culminate with Chevy's 8.1-liter big-block V8 pumping best-in-class horsepower.

Venture in 2002 offers a new DVD-based video entertainment system with integrated rear-seat climate system and audio controls, plus Versatrak all-wheel-drive traction.

Dodge Ram rolls out strong new engines



Dodge Ram

By Bob Plunkett
Special for The Huntsville Times

MARS HILL, N.C. — We're pushing a big new Ram truck from Dodge over serpentine pavement through the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, rushing down the scarce straights but mainly carving precise turns through bend after bend of curvy pavement.

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was Ram that produced a Club Cab edition in 1995 with six-passenger capacity due to a fold-up rear bench for three, then brought the first deployment of four front-hinged doors to a truck with the Quad Cab edition of 1998.

Designs for a revamped Ram of 2002 pare the procession of doors by limiting the cab to two logical designs — a two-door Regular Cab and four-door Quad Cab.

For Ram's new Quad Cab editions, the rear bench seat gets the seatback tipped rear-

in the Quad Cab, plus two sets of tether anchors in the rear of the four-door for installing a child's safety seat. Also, side curtain-style air bags in the first application for a truck are offered for both cabin sizes.

The structural system of Ram was redesigned for the new issues, beginning with a ladder-type chassis that contains single-piece rails shaped through hydroforming, a process that creates a strong and rigid platform.

Then Ram's designers specified the type of mechanical

Mazda exhibits a sporty image

Mazda of Japan has long been recognized for producing sporty cars, such as the two-seat Miata roadster. The 2002 series of cars, trucks and wagons from Mazda exhibits aspects of Miata's personality, due to some sporty manners, tight chassis with tuned suspensions, and exuberant powertrains. Latest example is a nifty hatchback called Protege5, a five-door wagon cast from the compact-class Protege sedan. It's a practical car that's fun to drive. The same is true for Tribute, Mazda's compact-class sport-utility wagon built on the chassis of a front-wheel-drive car rather than a rear-wheel-drive truck. Mazda's diverse product line for 2002 also includes

sedans in three sizes with flagship Millenia, mid-size 626 and compact Protege; a compact minivan labeled MPV (for

Multi-Purpose Vehicle), and a compact truck with best-in-class power for the B-Series pickups.

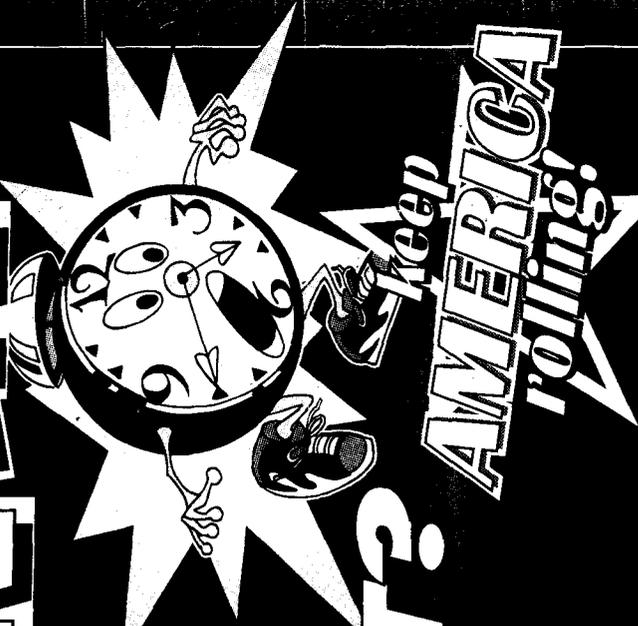


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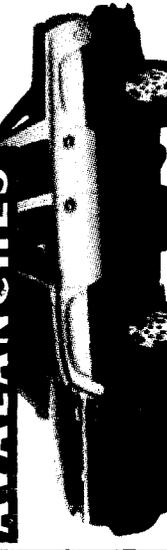
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responses from the steering wheel.

More quick action comes from accelerator and brake pedals, thanks to huge new disc brakes for all four wheels and a big 4.7-liter Magnum V8 engine that makes as much as 235 hp.

But there's another aspect to Dodge's new treatment of Ram working as an indirect aid for Ram's driver: Dressed in a bold new exterior package with a chin-forward face, Ram apparently presents such an intimidating image in the rearview mirror of traffic ahead that drivers tend to pull to the curb and let our truck pass.

This get-out-of-my-way prow — a fresh interpretation of the Ram predecessor design from 1994 with stepped-hood styling of a big-rig Peterbilt, seems hard to overlook. It's bold and assertive, a massive front end dominating the design with flat-faced grille and stair-step hood underlined by a fat-lip bumper and generous applications of chrome.

You can tell in an instant this is not some namby-pamby pickup where too-slick sheet-metal imitates a car.

Rather, the new iterations of Ram are built for business — macho truck-type work like toting two-by-four lumber or towing a big trailer, hauling hay to the barn or running up the range and crawling over a rocky trail.

Despite the muscular exterior styling, this Ram also allows concessions for comfortable fittings in the cabin, which has been redesigned in the makeover with three more inches of room added longitudinally to stretch the package.

The additional inches of cabin space were taken from Ram's rear truck bed, as the regular-length box was whittled down to 76 inches to prevent over-extending the overall length of the vehicle and make it difficult to manage when turning.

However, an optional long-box bed is also available for Ram and remains at 97.9 inches.

Previous renditions, during the eight-year cycle of a second-generational Ram design stretched from 1994 through 2001, sparked a competitive race among truck builders to add more doors to the cabins. It

walk at a slight angle so adult riders may sit comfortably there with sufficient room for heads and legs.

An optional 60/40 split bench permits transporting a passenger on one side of the cab and cargo on the other.

Also, lids on the flat floor pop open to reveal below-deck storage bins.

For Ram's new Regular Cab editions, the three inches of additional cabin space translate to more room for front seats to travel backward and forward on floor tracks and for seatbacks to recline further.

The bench-style seatback splits in 40/20/40 sections and incorporates a fold-down center console that's broad enough to cradle a laptop computer.

Available adjustable-position brake and accelerator pedals — in the first deployment for a truck — move forward or back to fit oversized or under-sized drivers.

Passive safety equipment on Ram reaches beyond two frontal air bags to three-point safety belts for all seats, including three sets in the Regular Cab and six

components that an agile sports car carries, such as an independent front suspension with upper and lower arms and gas-charged shocks, the new rack-and-pinion steering system, and four-wheel disc brakes with big 13-inch rotors.

It rolls on large wheels and tires. Standard 17-inch tires mount on steel wheels but optional packages extend to 20-inch aluminum rims with P275/55R20 tires.

Ram rigged in the light-duty 1500 series ranks as a 2002 model with three engine selections, while a heavy-duty Ram 2500 follows next year as a 2003 vehicle with massive V10 or Cummins diesel engine.

Powertrains for the light-duty 1500 Ram include a new 3.7-liter V6, the new-for-Ram 4.7-liter V8 lifted from Dodge's mid-size Dakota truck, and an optional 5.9-liter V8 carried over from the previous Ram.

A five-speed manual or new four-speed automatic shifter goes with the V6 and 4.7-liter V8. The 5.9-liter V8 mates strictly with a heavy-duty four-speed automatic.

FAST FACTS

2002 DODGE RAM TRUCK

Description.....	Full-size pickup truck
Model options.....	1/2-ton 1500
Trim options.....	ST / SLT / SLT Plus
Cab options.....	Regular Cab / Quad Cab
Cargo box length.....	Regular Box: 75.9 inches Long Box: 97.9 inches
Wheelbase.....	Reg. Cab/Reg. Box: 120.5 inches Reg. Cab/Long Box: 140.5 inches Quad Cab/Reg. Box: 140.5 inches Quad Cab/Long Box: 160.5 inches
Overall length.....	Reg. Cab/Reg. Box: 207.7 inches Reg. Cab/Long Box: 229.7 inches Quad Cab/Reg. Box: 227.7 inches Quad Cab/Long Box: 249.7 inches
Engine size.....	SOHC 3.7-L V6 SOHC 4.7-L V8 OHV 5.9-L V8
Transmissions/speeds.....	Manual/5, Auto/4
Rear/front drive.....	Rear 2WD, 4WD
Steering.....	Power rack and pinion
Braking.....	Power 4-disc/ABS/EVBP
Air bags.....	2 (front) + opt. 2 (side curtain)
EPA mileage est. city/hwy....	3.7-L V6 M/5 2WD: 15/21 mpg 4.7-L V8 M/5 2WD: 14/19 mpg 4.7-L V8 A/4 4WD: 13/17 mpg 5.9-L V8 A/4 4WD: 11/16 mpg
Base GVWR.....	2WD: 6650 pounds 4WD: 6800 pounds
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equipped it with a powerful new V8 engine plus lavish luxury appointments. In addition, the IS 300 compact sports sedan debuted in taut form with high-tech appointments and high-pitched mechanical hardware tipped to the sporty side of performance.

This year, Lexus adds to the IS 300 collection by spinning off a SportCross five-door wagon variation and offering on the sport sedan a manual five-speed gearbox. Further, there's a stunning new drop-top sports car in the Lexus line that sheds all aspects of the Lexus SC 400 coupe it replaces and instead presents a fresh design functioning as either a watertight hardtop coupe or breezy convertible. And the mid-size ES 300 sedan turns over a new generational issue in 2002 that's larger than the previous model and stocked with sophisticated mechanical equipment and trimmings of Lexus luxury. Other sporty performance sedans in the mid-size GS series return for another run, as do two premium sport-utility wagons with the full-size LX 470 and compact-

staple for the line and the price-leading sedan. A third generational treatment shows up for 2002 that presents a longer and taller package size with dramatic new exterior and interior styling, refined suspension tuning for an enhanced ride quality and forceful power directed through a new five-speed automatic transmission.

The aluminum 3.0-liter V6 creates 210 hp and achieves Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle (ULEV) certification plus EPA fuel economy figures as high as 29 mpg. Many new passive safety features are aboard, including side curtain air bags plus frontal and seat-mounted side air bags, along with front seats designed to lessen whiplash injury. The Lexus VSC skid control system is also available, as is an adaptive variable suspension. The five-seat passenger compartment seems like a smaller version of the luxurious cabin in the Lexus flagship sedan. Several sophisticated features of the LS 430 appear on the list of options for ES 300, such as the Lexus navigation system.

Mercury's collection for 2002 includes cars in sizes from large to small with the full-size Grand Marquis sedan, mid-size Sable sedan and wagon, and sporty Cougar compact coupe. Also, the Mercury badge decorates the four-door Villager minivan and a powerful sport-utility wagon, Mountaineer. Cougar appears as a hatchback coupe in daring New Edge style. Sable, Mercury's staple, contains advanced safety systems but subdued exterior styling and repeats in 2002 with simplified packaging. Grand Marquis, the big Mercury sedan, gains a new LS trim with no-charge leather seats.

Villager's minivan, dressed in a sleek shell, segments into three different series for 2002. But Mountaineer — boldly styled in new issues with a strong face and rigged with a powerful engine and optional automatic all-wheel-drive traction — looks aggressive with sharp contemporary lines featuring taut planes and keen edgework for a high-tech appearance.

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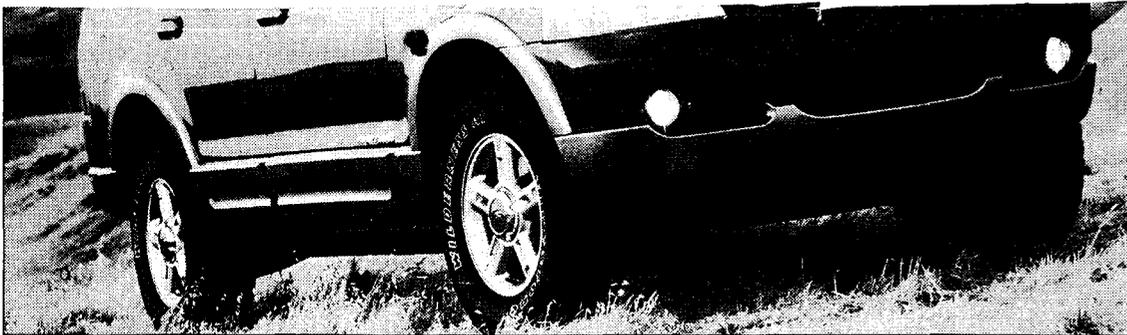
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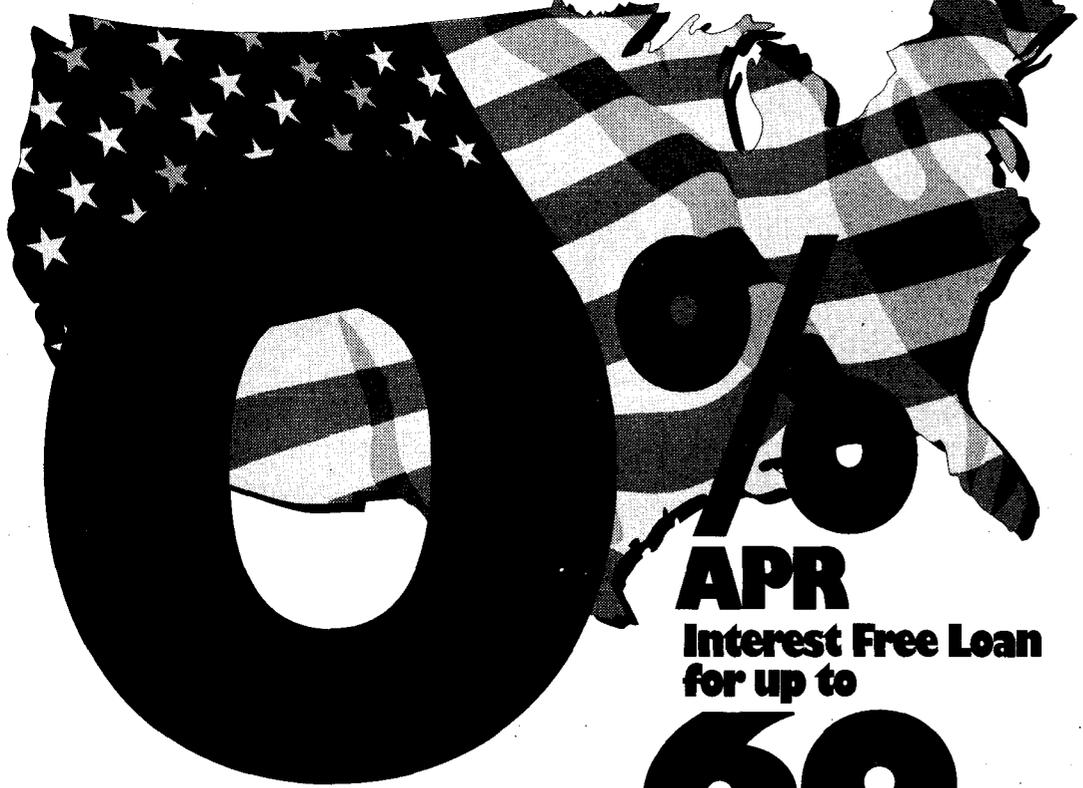
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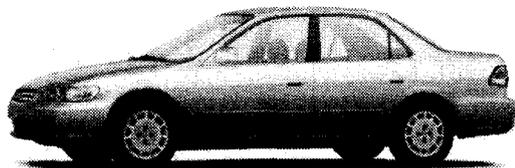
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wheels. Other Pontiacs also receive racy new styling points. Flagship Bonneville has new fascia for one trim, restyled oval exhaust tips and optional chrome wheels for two others, and fresh paint colors for all. Firebird acquires new features like a removable hatch roof for the coupe. Best-selling Grand Am has a new base engine that delivers enhanced fuel economy numbers, and Grand Prix celebrates forty years in production with a special issue. Montana brings optional Versatrak all-wheel-drive this year, and Sunfire slips into gear with a new powertrain.

AZTEK: Pontiac's sport-recreation wagon rolled out only last year, but the 2002 editions exhibit a fresh exterior design charted in monochrome. Larger 16-inch tires and five-spoke cast aluminum wheels apply to the new look, along

list this year, such as a front floor console that functions as a console storage bin when in the vehicle or a twin six-pack cooler when removed. Aztek's chassis and key mechanical elements including a V6 engine and four-speed automatic transaxle came from General Motors minivans like Montana, so the SRV drives and rides with the easy-to-manuever agility of a minivan, yet the high profile and load-carrying capacity enable it to act like a sport-utility wagon.

BONNEVILLE: New designs for Pontiac's full-size sedans debuted in 2000 yet the 2002 editions display fresh exterior elements as more standard equipment goes into the three trim variations. Revamped front and rear fascia mark the Bonneville SE this year, while SLE and SSEi get 17-inch wheels and new colors, such as

equipment on 2002 models, from power controls for windows and mirrors to air conditioning and ABS brakes. Formula coupe has Z-rated rubber and a performance suspension, plus a deluxe Monsoon CD audio system, while Trans Am coupe and convertible promote power with a 5.7-liter V8 delivering 310 hp or — with optional WS6 ram-air forced induction package — 325 hp.

SUNFIRE: Pontiac's subcompact splits into three models with the SE coupe and sedan plus a GT coupe. Sunfire SE coupe and sedan draw from a 2.2-liter four-in-line for 115 hp, and Sunfire GT uses a 2.4-liter dual-cam four worth 150 hp. However, a new 2.2-liter EcoTec four plant comes later in 2002 for the GT, delivering 140 hp and fuel economy figures up to 33 mpg. Also in 2002,

GRAND PRIX: Pontiac marks forty years of the Grand Prix with a special anniversary kit trimmed with a unique spoiler, hood heat extractors, roof fences like NASCAR racers wear, bright wheels and a paint job in Dark Cherry. For power, Grand Prix SE packs a 3.1-liter V6 with 175 hp. The GT coupe or sedan with 3.8-liter V6 hits 200 hp, but the supercharged version zips to 240 hp for GTP.

MONTANA: Versatrak all-wheel-drive traction comes to Pontiac's minivan in 2002 as an option on the stretched wheel-base edition, as does a DVD video entertainment system with wireless headsets and wireless remote control. Also new is the Thunder Sport edition wearing 18-inch chrome wheels, an independent suspension in front and back, rear spoiler plus two-tone leather seats in the cabin.

Mitsubishi brings Lancer to the United States

Mitsubishi, the automaker from Japan outfitted with an American production plant in Illinois and design studios plus a research lab in California, presents a diverse line of passenger cars for 2002.

The collection features a new compact-class sedan called Lancer. Although it's a new nameplate for North America, Lancer has been a Mitsubishi staple around the world for three decades and is also Mitsubishi's robust rally car, racking up scores of world-class victories in rally races.

Crisp new sheetmetal shapes set Lancer apart from the bland sameness of most compact sedans. Lines look sharp and the overall style is strong and aggressive, with wheels pinned at corners of the package to balance the stance. Body parts extend only briefly over front and back edges in the manner of racers as the two-step face and windshield tip backward to suggest swift movement.

Mitsubishi casts Lancer in three editions. All draw from the same 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that makes 120 hp and connects to a standard five-speed manual transaxle or optional four-speed electronic automatic.

The base trim Lancer ES provides competitive price points and valued standard equipment such as air conditioning, a tachometer, stereo with in-dash CD player and power controls for windows, side mirrors and door locks. The luxury version — Lancer LS — adds cruise control, a remote keyless entry device, split rear seatback, more speakers for the stereo and variable controls for intermittent windshield wipers. Lancer O-Z Rally borrows a name from O-Z Racing wheels and carries sporty body addi-

tions inspired by rally racers, such as bumper extensions front and rear and side air dams. It has a five-speed manual stick exclusively, plus white-faced gauges and a cockpit trimmed in black with plastic panels that look like brushed aluminum. Optional gear clusters in packages for each model.



Mitsubishi Lancer

Acura focuses on enhancing performance

For year 2002, the Acura line derived from Honda of Japan focuses on enhancing performance by casting a new RSX Type-S sports coupe to replace the Integra compacts and spinning off an aggressive Type-S edition of the 3.2 TL mid-size luxury sedan.

Both of Acura's new Type-S issues carry engines that produce high output, as well as sophisticated transmissions and suspensions tweaked for sporty behavior. Also, the

RSX represents the first application of Acura's advanced i-VTEC (Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control) system.

A Type-S performance model also appears in the mix of models for Acura's mid-size 3.2 CL luxury performance coupe, while the Acura flagship 3.5 RL full-size sedan gains more power with an engine upgrade that increases output by 15 points to 225 hp.

The RL also earns a new sport-tuned

suspension plus wider low-profile tires and more standard on-board amenities. Even the plush sport-utility wagon from Acura orients toward performance, as its name — MDX — means Multi-Dimensional Cross-Trainer, in the image of a toned athlete accomplished in various sports.

It features a car-like unit-body structure, sophisticated aluminum V6 engine and four-wheel-drive system plus space for seven riders on three rows of seats.

added to the wheelbase, and more than half an inch to the width plus two and a half inches to raise the roof. Cabin volume expands to 101.7 cubic feet, a gain of almost five cubic feet, with 2.6 cubic feet more room for cargo in the enlarged trunk.

The new form of Camry exhibits a robust style that unites crisp character lines and strong geometric elements like the aggressive face with triangular headlamps.

Camry's cabin is a more efficient design and brings more comfortable seats and more standard equipment. Trim tiers divide into LE, XLE and SE editions, each equipped with either a four-cylinder or V6 engine.

More horsepower applies with Camry's base four-cylinder engine. It expands to 2.4 liters and increases power by 15 percent to 157 hp. Despite that boost, the engine qualifies for Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) status and makes class-leading fuel economy numbers as high as 32 mpg.

The optional 3.0-liter V6, mated to a new four-speed automatic, generates 192 hp and also earns ULEV status.

SOLARA COUPE: Toyota's mid-size sports coupe gets a face-lift for 2002, plus Camry's new four-cylinder engine.

The new 2.4-liter in-line-four develops 157 hp and drops into base Solara SE. Other Solaras, with tags of mid-level SE V6 and deluxe SLE V6, stock Camry's 3.0-liter V6.

Solara SE also has a new

and run to drive.

Spyder's in-line four engine, displacing 1.8 liters and equipped with twin cams on top, nets 138 hp.

A new sequential manual transmission is available in 2002 with shift buttons mounted on the steering wheel.

PRIUS: Toyota's hybrid subcompact sedan has a roly-poly shell, a spacious interior with seats for five, and an engine compartment with two motors aboard — a thrifty 1.5-liter four-in-line and an electric motor. A computer controls energy produced by the two motors and applies it to the front wheels in infinitely variable measures.

Prius pulls down high fuel economy figures and qualifies as a super-ultra low emission vehicle (SULEV). It accomplishes energy-saving feats without resorting to radical sheetmetal schemes or compromising on performance.

New factory options arrive for 2002, including side-impact air bags, a navigation system and cruise control.

ECHO: The smallest Toyota has a cabin substantially larger than a typical subcompact. It also totes an efficient 108 hp four-cylinder engine that develops high fuel figures.

Echo splits into coupe and sedan styles, with equipment like air conditioning and power door locks available. A sports package adds aerodynamic rocker panels and fenders, plus a spoiler for the rear decklid.

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folds down for viewing by those on second and third rows of seats.

Controls at rear posts allow the riders to adjust headset audio volume and choose between video (recorded movies and television programs or games like Nintendo and Sega Genesis) or audio selections from CDs.

The latest versions of these entertainment systems feature wireless headsets for viewers.

And many cars in the Class of 2002 offer the next big thing in radio: Digital Radio.

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	'94 Ford Taurus Wagon Blue, Automatic, Nice Car! \$4,999	'96 Ford Mustang Silver, Automatic, V-6! \$7,999	'95 Toyota 4Runner SR5 One Owner, Tan, High Miles! \$9,999	'99 Honda Civic LX Blue, Auto, Pwr Everything, 1 Owner, 20K! \$14,299
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the American market this month cast in only one color — black, of course, as the name implies, but with rear panels clad in six black bands of a photo laminate that resembles the grain of exotic African wood as segmented by strips of brushed aluminum.

Blackwood comes with a humongous V8 engine set below the broad front hood and a spacious passenger compartment outfitted with four doors and four contoured bucket seats plus consoles in front and back and every conceivable optional component as standard equipment.

Yet there's more: The rear truck bed is capped by a rigid tonneau cover that opens and closes by power controls to reveal trunk-like space measuring to 26 cubic feet. A carpeted floor, stainless steel side walls and cool-to-touch LED light strips ring the fancy box, as Dutch doors with storage recesses form the tailgate.

You don't want to use the Blackwood as a work truck, because that's not the intent — and Ford already has the four-door SuperCrew based on a F-150 truck for that purpose.

You also wouldn't want it as a sport-utility wagon for off-road travel with four-wheel traction because that's the role of Lincoln's Navigator, the foundation for Blackwood.

Instead, Blackwood is reserved strictly as a rear-wheel-drive vehicle designed for pavement cruising.

It looks like a big truck yet functions like an oversized limousine built with a higher stance and stronger engine, more plush gear in the cabin

commanded, capable of zipping down the fast lane or leaping around a string of slow trucks on a two-lane highway.

Blackwood's driver and riders will also find the cabin as a quiet space isolated from the outside world and at all times utterly luxurious and comfortable for long-haul treks.

And it scores a rave rating for those cushy front seats. Each bucket, clad in perforated Connolly leather, contains an internal blower that circulates either soothing warm air or refreshing cooling to your backside. A thumb wheel positioned below each seat on the outboard side controls air flow and temperature, from toasty warm to chilly cool.

Driver and passengers perch high in Lincoln's form-fitting seats. With generous expanses of window glass wrapping the cabin, the outward visibility looks good. A functional dash design integrates easy-to-view and easy-to-reach instruments and controls in a system housing twin air bags. The dashboard mounts through a unique cross-truck beam welded to the frame for no-squeak durability.

Blackwood rides on the chassis of Ford's full-size F-150 pickup truck but uses a heavy-duty rear framework. Texture of the ride feels refined and remote from a typical truck, thanks to a suspension with short and long arm design up front and acceleration-sensitive shocks in back tied to a hybrid design for leaf and air springs.

The air springs work progressively, producing plush ride sensations in normal driving

speeds like on a highway less power assistance is added so you need only a slight touch on the steering wheel to turn.

For strength, Blackwood flexes its muscles.

A sophisticated dual-cam and four-valve 5.4-liter V8 delivers up to 300 hp at 5000 rpm and exerts massive torque to 355 lb-ft at 2750 rpm. Ninety percent of that torque is available in a broad range between 1750 and 4700 rpm.

Ford's excellent 4R100 four-speed automatic transmission mates to the V8 and shifts unobtrusively.

Blackwood packs a number of safety features, including anti-lock brakes and air bags up front and on the sides.

Standard gear includes Ford's innovative power adjustable drive pedals and a rear-sensing sonar detection system. Pedal movement works with an electric motor to set brake and accelerator pedals closer toward the driver's seat for a custom fit, while the sonar detection system adds audio and visual alarms as warnings in reverse mode when an object is detected in the vehicle's rearward path.

Throughout the cabin, carlike details for comfort and practicality may be found — from eight cupholders and multiple support handles to handy hooks and storage spaces.

On-board equipment ranges from a deluxe Alpine Audiophile sound system with six-disc CD changer to the leather seats and genuine oak wood trim in a dark stain, a steering wheel in leather and wood with controls for speed and audio or cabin temperature, automatic climate controls for front and back seats, the heating and cooling for front seats plus memory settings on the driver's seat and mirrors and pedals, floor and ceiling consoles, a power moonroof, the rear load leveling suspension and a Class III/IV towing kit with trailer rating to 8700 pounds.

The sole version of Blackwood is so complete that the only option is a GPS satellite navigation system with mapping from CD data using a console-mounted video screen.

Blackwood stickers at \$52,500 including delivery fee to a Lincoln dealer. The navigation system adds \$1,995.

FAST FACTS

2002 LINCOLN BLACKWOOD TRUCK
Description.....Full-size 4-door luxury truck
Model options.....Blackwood
Wheelbase.....138.5 inches
Overall length.....220.2 inches
Engine size.....DOHC 5.4-L V8
Transmissions/speeds.....Auto/4
Rear/front drive.....Rear
Steering.....Power recirc. ball
Braking.....Power 4-disc/ABS/EBD/TCS
Air bags.....2 (front) + 2 (side)
EPA mileage est. city/hwy....12/17 mpg
Cargo box length.....56.3 inches
Base GVWR.....6800 pounds
Maximum trailer towing.....8700 pounds
Price range.....\$ 52,500 to \$ 54,495

Here come the new cars

By Bob Plunkett
Special for The Huntsville Times

Once upon a time in the automotive market of America, carmakers would tease us each autumn with advertisements promising shiny new models cast with stylish new lines and powerful new engines.

Showrooms of dealers would hide these new cars behind blacked-out windows, as we the public waited outside hoping to peek at the new crop.

Unveiling new models was a big event, even though there were only a handful of automakers and, essentially, only a few types of vehicles — four-door sedans, sleek two-door coupes and perhaps a convertible or pickup truck.

By contrast, there are no blacked-out windows concealing new models at car dealers today because contemporary cars no longer reach the market on a predetermined date in the fall.

Instead, cars bearing next year's model designation trickle into the market throughout the preceding calendar year.

For the Class of 2002, for instance, new versions of Ford's best-selling Explorer sport-utility wagon rolled out in January of 2001, as did a new treatment

for the Cadillac SUV, luxurious Escalade.

Others quickly followed so by the first day of fall, more than 25 manufacturers had introduced as many as 40 new 2002 vehicles.

And that's only the beginning of the parade of new cars for 2002.

This points to an important distinction for the Class of 2002: There are so many automakers for the American market today producing so many different types of vehicles with so many models to see and sort.

In addition to the three traditional domestic manufacturers of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, foreign companies from Asia and Europe have in recent years become significant players on America's turf, with some — like Honda and Toyota — building new cars at factories scattered across the American heartland.

Even pinnacle brands from Germany — Mercedes-Benz and BMW — now have factories in the United States where innovative models are assembled.

With so many automakers at work, vehicles today no longer

fit neatly into a few simple categories as sedans, coupes or pickup trucks.

While these configurations continue in many sizes, today's class also encompasses diverse new categories due to the emergence of hybrid vehicles of multiple purposes that blend one type of vehicle with another or more to create something entirely different.

The latest example for 2002 shows up with Chevrolet's Avalanche sport-utility truck that contains the abbreviated bed of a pickup plus the big cabin of a sport-utility wagon with four passenger doors and two rows of seats for six. It works as a truck, a sporty wagon or even a people-hauling sedan.

Vehicles that are "smart" represent another significant trend evident in the Class of 2002.

More and more intelligent vehicles employ sophisticated on-board computers that make decisions regarding performance, safety and comfort without direct response from a driver.

Some new models pack vehicle skid control devices that combine anti-lock brakes with an electronic brake force dis-

tributor and a traction controller to correct potentially dangerous oversteer or understeer.

Others carry smart air bags set with two stages of force and inflate with lower energy during a lesser crash but maximize force for an intense incident.

Still more use computers to direct engine torque to any of the four wheels that maintain good traction, while some deluxe machines have computers maintaining ideal temperatures for a comfortable cabin environment.

And new navigation systems this year move to DVD technology for data on mapping or even entertainment, such as movies displayed on a small screen for viewing by rear-seat riders.

High style comes to many new models of 2002.

Some appear classic, such as new Thunderbird in contemporary homage to Ford's brilliant two-seat sports car from 1955.

Or PT Cruiser by Chrysler, which looks something like a 1937 panel van or a souped-up Fifties street 'rod. Latest variations put factory-issued flames lapping across body panels like a custom hot-rod or a Cruiser sporting wood-grained graphics

on all doors and quarter panels like a woody wagon lifted from '60s beach-blanket movies.

Still others in the Class of 2002 look wild, like the race-bred RSX sports coupe, successor to Acura's compact-class Integra; a turbo-charged Impreza WRX from Subaru that forms the basis for a

Subaru SCCA Pro Rally Group N rally car, or final issues for the current series of Dodge's two-seat Viper sports car with new Graphite Metallic paint and silver stripes on the GTS coupe edition.

New products appear, either as original concepts or fresh generational expressions.

Electronics make new cars fun and safe

By Bob Plunkett
Special for The Huntsville Times

Smart vehicles in the Car Class of 2002 get that way through the use of sophisticated electronics.

Computers control various safety systems and can make intelligent decisions regarding whether to deploy a device based on feedback from various sensors, and even how forceful the equipment should act.

Smart air bags, for instance, may inflate with lower energy during a lesser crash but maximize force for an intense incident.

Or a vehicle skid control system can decide how much brake force to apply to a particular wheel in order to block lateral slippage of the wheels and keep the chassis pointed in the intended safe path.

Computers in some cars also manage the adaptive restraint system as seat sensors figure out who sits where, then switch off air bags and seatbelt pretensioners for unoccupied seats.

Electronic gear also delivers important information in contemporary cars, entertains us with car theater systems and fancy digital radio equipment, or keeps us comfortable by maintaining the cabin at a desired temperature setting.

On-board navigation systems, now available optionally on many vehicles, draw from DVD technology in computers and satellite-based navigation to plot out the vehicle's precise earthly position and display it on a map of a dashboard video screen to help guide a driver in the right direction.

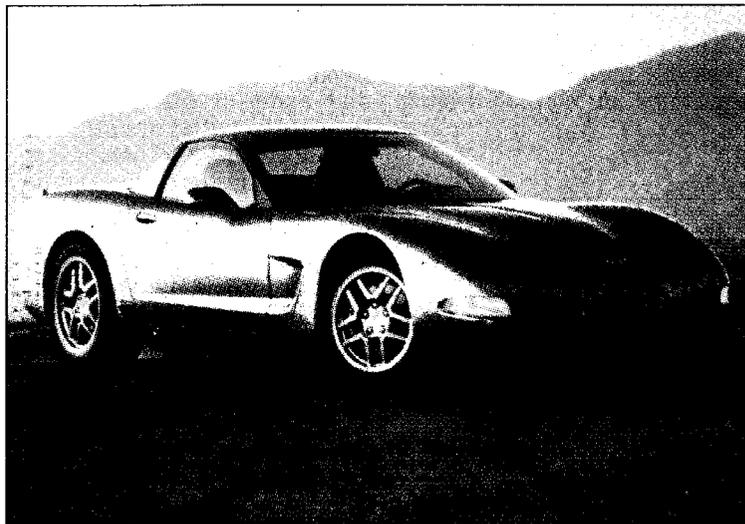
Some of these devices also integrate a hands-free telephone and audio controls. The driver can converse verbally with the intelligent system and use it to control the audio, dial phone numbers or figure out where to go.

Wireless communications equipment spreads to many car lines in 2002.

The most prevalent system — OnStar — brings a hands-free voice link to personnel at the OnStar Center and 24-hour availability for in-vehicle safety, security and information services, including roadside assistance.

Other new vehicles — particularly minivans and sport-utility wagons — offer video entertainment systems with a video cassette or DVD player mounted up front in the instrument panel and an overhead rack above front seatbacks with audio jacks and a color LCD video monitor that

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Skip's picks

Auburn Tigers will feast on Arkansas Razorbacks

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor

Here are my predictions (record 134-36) for selected games this week in major college football:

- Auburn at Arkansas – **Auburn**
- Georgia at Florida – **Florida**
- Ole Miss at LSU – **LSU**
- South Carolina at Tennessee – **Tennessee**
- Vanderbilt at Duke – **Vanderbilt**
- Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State – **Ala. State**
- Air Force at New Mexico – **Air Force**
- Southern Cal at Arizona – **Southern Cal**
- Washington at Arizona State – **Washington**
- Tulane at Army – **Army**
- Notre Dame at Boston College – **Notre Dame**
- Brigham Young at San Diego State – **BYU**
- California at Oregon State – **Oregon State**
- Louisville at Cincinnati – **Louisville**
- Colorado at Oklahoma State – **Colorado**
- Clemson at Wake Forest – **Clemson**
- Maryland at Florida State – **Florida State**
- Houston at Southern Miss – **Southern Miss**
- Michigan at Iowa – **Michigan**
- Kansas at Kansas State – **Kansas State**



- Michigan State at Wisconsin – **Wisconsin**
- Texas at Missouri – **Texas**
- Navy at Toledo – **Toledo**
- Virginia at North Carolina State – **N.C. State**
- Northwestern at Purdue – **Purdue**
- Ohio State at Penn State – **Ohio State**
- UCLA at Stanford – **UCLA**
- Syracuse at Virginia Tech – **Virginia Tech**
- Pittsburgh at Temple – **Temple**
- Oregon at Washington State – **Wash. State**
- West Virginia at Miami – **Miami**

35-and-over basketball league under way

The Civilian Welfare Fund 35-and-Over Basketball season has begun the 2001 fall season. Four teams are competing in the league, which is structured as a 4-on-4 league, playing across the width of the court at the Redstone Fitness Center.

Through the first two weeks of the season the standings are as follows: LESCO (2-0), Tek Write (2-0), Trailblazers (0-2) and IFORCE (0-2).

Bravo, HHC 59th early leaders in flag football

Both finalists in the preseason flag-football tournament continued their good fortune when the season started last week.

Bravo Company and HHC 59th were 2-0 after early action. Bravo beat HHC 59th twice Sept. 26 to claim the preseason championship. The regular season is Oct. 15-31 with a weeklong postseason tournament beginning Nov. 5.

Here are the standings as of Friday:

Eastern Conference – Bravo Company (2-0), Delta Company (1-0), NCO Academy (1-2) and Headquarters & Alpha (0-2).

Western Conference – HHC 59th (2-0), Charlie Company (1-2) and Marines (1-2).

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the UAH Chargers on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:05 at the Von Braun Center arena. Coupons for free admission are available to members of the military for Armed Forces Apprecia-

tion Weekend.

"Tickets or coupons will be available on the Arsenal (beginning today)," Antoine Bell, UAH sports information director, said.

General admission tickets are \$6; adult reserved tickets cost \$7.50; and UAH students can get in for \$5. Michael Altman, of the UAH athletic department, can be reached for tickets at 824-6939.

Some say good riddance to old mainframe

Mainframe

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smaller, easier to back up and can be used in different places as compared to the Cyber that is proprietary, has hardware that's expensive to maintain and is not very flexible because you can't move it somewhere else easily.

SPACE classes continued to be run on Cyber and offered through the Army Learning Center long after OMMCS stopped using the mainframe. Until this month, the mainframe was still used to run SPACE classes.

"Cyber at the time was part of such an innovative thing - to be able to take a class at your desk. Now we think nothing of it," Blanton said.

The Army Learning Center will not be able to offer any more SPACE programs now that Cyber is shut down. They were

not converted to the Internet or the Intranet because it was too expensive for the population that would have been served at Redstone Arsenal.

"In the mid-70s we had a large population that needed the GED or advanced courses (offered through SPACE) that are now provided by schools on site or by other means," James Foster, a personnel management specialist at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said. "From a social standpoint and as a community resource, I'm sorry to see it go, but from a cost-effective standpoint it was the right decision (to shut down the mainframe)."

"The actual physical machine that's there (in building 3345) is an upgrade. It's a 960 model. It was originally at building 5400, at the RDEC. We got it in 1996. It's the same software but a larger, more powerful mainframe," Fiske said.

Although Blanton remembers Cyber as a monster of a machine that went down every time it rained, Fiske quickly comes

to its defense saying it ran pretty well considering it wasn't in a controlled environment.

"It mainly went down when power to the building went or air conditioning wasn't working. Usually it was related to environment - it was not really in a place designed for it," Fiske said.

Blanton explained that they considered moving it to the temperature-controlled basement of building 5301 several years ago but it was too heavy and outdated to make it worth the cost. She admitted that while it was running, it was probably the most utilized system they had - a very good system that was up and running for longer than most systems last.

That said, Blanton admitted that she could not find anyone willing to take the mainframe off her hands - not even the reutilization program and "they'll take just about anything." Now she's in charge of turning it in to DRMO. She expects it to be dismantled and junked. The building it occupies has already been promised to someone else.

"The day of the mainframes is gone

now. When we first had them, they took up rooms and rooms, they were so large and they all had vacuum tubes," Fiske said. "With servers, you just plug them in and turn them on and they pretty much boot up themselves. Mainframes are very unwieldy."

Blanton agrees that Cyber's shutdown marks the end of an era, although she welcomes the idea of not having to worry over the mainframe's maintenance anymore. The computer operators that backed up the mainframe each day probably won't miss it either, although one, Belinda Bailey, said she enjoyed the break of going over to its building and getting away from her usual work sometimes.

As for Fiske, he isn't as ready to move on. He has a new job in information systems engineering. But after 20 years of working with Cyber, he feels sad to have to move on and do something else. Does he, like some of the others, think "Good riddance?"

"No, not me. I loved it," Fiske said. "It's a lot to walk away from."

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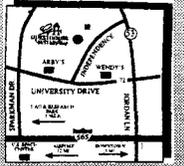
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Sports & Recreation

Bowling event

Redstone Lanes is having the "Bowl Hog Wild" event through Oct. 31. This is open to all MWR patrons of legal drinking age and does not preclude their immediate family members. Participants may complete the entry form at Redstone Lanes; and after 20 games, local prizes are awarded, your promotional card is stamped, and you are entered to win the Grand Prize 2002 Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle to be given away at the end of the event. For more information, call 876-6634.

UAH-Air Force hockey

The Air Force Academy will play the University of Alabama-Huntsville Chargers in ice hockey Friday and Saturday nights at 7:05 at the Von Braun Center arena. Servicemembers can get coupons for free admission during Armed Forces Appreciation Weekend. For more information, call the UAH athletic department 824-6939.

Youth basketball

Youth Services basketball registration, for ages 5-16, is under way through Nov. 9 at Central Registration, Challenger Commu-

nity Center in building 1500. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.

Conferences & Meetings

Directed energy symposium

The fourth annual Directed Energy Symposium will be held Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at the Huntsville Marriott, Space and Rocket Center. This symposium will bring together government, industry and academic leaders to present papers and discuss the future of directed energy including basic research, technology efforts, current programs and systems. The symposium will include a forum for national and technical policy makers to discuss their visions for directed energy. The symposium chairman is Dr. Randy Buff, randy.buff@smdc.army.mil. For general information on the symposium and short courses call Jeanne Weaver, symposium coordinator, 533-6365.

Federal lawyers

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Thursday at 11:15 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 6000 South Memorial Parkway. Joe Swerdzewski, president/CEO of FPMI Communications, is to speak about "A Labor Relations Literacy

Test — What a Lawyer Should Know About Federal Sector Labor Relations." Swerdzewski became vice-president of FPMI Communications last April after serving two consecutive terms as general counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. Call Laura Owens 842-0543 for reservations.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association's monthly luncheon meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 31 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Gay Money, Combined Federal Campaign. For more information, call retired Navy Cmdr. Matthew C.F. Boenker 885-4274.

Admin professionals

The International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its Southeast District Conference, Friday through Sunday at the Von Braun Center. Attendance for the Friday seminar portion of the conference is open to all area administrative professionals at a cost of \$75. The full weekend registration is \$175. A full weekend of workshops and educational speakers will focus on the theme, "Rocketing Into Leadership 2001." Scheduled keynote speaker is Dr. Jerry Patterson, well-known motivational speaker and communicator. Workshop presenters

include Dr. Jo Nash O'Neal, Kathy Levrett and Marilyn Lands. To register call Donna Peck (256) 637-6839.

Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 11 a.m. Oct. 30 at the Childwise Center, building 1413, second floor, Spartan Drive. Parents with children in the Child Development Center, Youth Services, and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. As a reminder, parents earn PAC participation points for attending. For more information, call Anita Epps 774-6737.

Miscellaneous

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest 2001 will be held at the Officers and Civilians Club at 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes entry for door prize drawings, \$5 coupon for food or beverage, and a choice of an Oktoberfest 2001 mug or T-shirt (limited quantities of T-shirts). Carlson Wagonlit will have a pair of round trip tickets to Frankfurt, Germany as the grand prize to the door prize drawings. There will also be German foods, desserts, beverages, and coffees as well as entertainment by Mike

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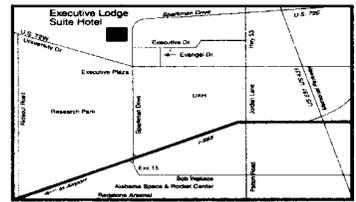
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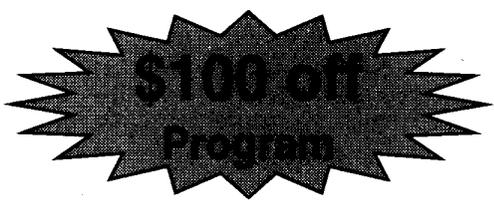
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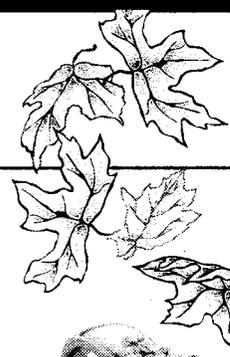
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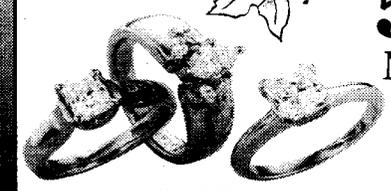
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Halloween bingo

A "Halloween Bingo Party" will be held Oct. 31 at the Challenger Community Center. Buy a game pack and get the second one free. Attend in your favorite costumes for a costume contest, door prizes and refreshments. Call Connie 837-0750 after 3 p.m. for more information.

Logistics achievement awards

The 2001 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Awards Luncheon/Ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 30 at the Officers and Civilians Club. There will be two "Ernie" awards presented — the Professional/Technical Award and the Management/Executive Award. The following individuals have been nominated for the Professional/Technical Award: Barry Beavers, Aviation Rockets and Missiles Project Office (IMMC matrix); Billy Blount, OMMCS; Theresa Dougherty, Attack Directorate, IMMC; Denise Fuller, Business Management Directorate, IMMC; Larry Phillips, Lower Tier Project Office (IMMC matrix); Jimmie Pittman, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office (IMMC matrix); Terri Schwierling, TUAV Project (IMMC matrix); Betty Stokes, Maintenance Directorate, IMMC; Frank Tarpley, Business Management Office, DSA; and Terry Wheatley, Maintenance Directorate, IMMC. The following individuals have been nominated for the Management/Executive Award: Walter Jones, Air Defense Directorate, IMMC; Carlos Kingston, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office (IMMC matrix); Ronald Lewis, director, LAISO; and Louise Ystueta, Materiel Management Directorate, IMMC. The nominees will be recognized during the ceremony and Ernest Young will announce the winners of the

2001 awards. Tickets for event are \$12 each and are available from the following: Debbie Oldani, IMMC, 842-6783; Romona Rice, IMMC, 313-1641; Chris Graves, IMMC, 313-1627; Sandra Hetherington, IMMC, 842-7087; Lesley Smith, IMMC, 842-8678; Tony Caldwell, IMMC, 876-2877; Jan Pickard, IMMC, 876-2569; Charlotte Fuller, IMMC, 876-2020; Pam Coyner, IMMC, 313-1479; Sue Walters, ARM PM, 876-3189; Sheila Pike, TUAV, 895-4595; Joan Pond, LAISO, 842-9935; Kathy Buford, DSA, 842-6289; Diane Jernigan, OMMCS, 955-0127; Sherry Segers, MLRS, 876-3869. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Debbie Oldani 842-6783.

Masquerade ball

The Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy will hold a Masquerade Ball, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$50 for couples or \$30 singles. The academy's goal is to re-mediate students (grades K-5) who have learning disabilities and/or are performing below grade level. After accelerating them to grade level, they will be prepared and equipped to return to their regular schools. The Isbell Academy is located in the New Shiloh Church Ministries' Youth Building at 5101 Mastin Lake Road. For more information call Patricia Hill, executive director, or Augustus Smith Jr., principal/administrator, 746-9206.

Education for soldiers

Servicemembers have until Oct. 31 to make an irrevocable decision to convert from VEAP to the MGIB, according to the Education Center. To be eligible for this conversion, a soldier must: serve continuously on active duty from Oct. 9, 1996 through April 1, 2000, be a VEAP participant on Oct. 9, 1996, completed requirements for a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate) or have successfully completed the equivalent of 12 semester hours in a program of education leading to a standard college degree, make a lump sum payment of \$2,700, or have \$2,700 reduced from pay within 18

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Marine Corps ball

The Marines of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines, invite you to the Marine Corps 226th Birthday Ball, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For tickets (\$31) call SSgt. Gregory Hearn 876-8963/8964 at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, 3506 South Memorial Parkway. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 31.

Marine birthday event

The Marine Corps Detachment will celebrate the 226th Marine Corps Birthday with a ball Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For invitations call Gunnery Sgt. Richard Quinn 876-1749.

Post restaurant hours

Beginning Nov. 1, the Sparkman Cafeteria will extend operating hours until 5 p.m. for take-home meals. Featured menu items will include: barbecue ribs (slab, half slab or plate); roasted style chicken (whole, half chicken or plate); and daily chef special. All items will be available in microwave-able containers. Side orders will include mashed potatoes, green beans, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, potato chips, and daily featured items. Quick Shot Bingo tickets will also be available for purchase until 5 p.m. The November Special is: Buy 10 Quick Shot Bingo tickets (after 2 p.m.) and receive a free fountain drink. Phone or fax ahead to have your order ready for pick up. Call 876-8929 or fax 882-6441.

Job hunting

Attention, job hunters: On Friday at 11:30 a.m., a representative will be available at Army Community Service to show you how to post your resume online with Alabama Live Career Center. Posting your resume will help you gain maximum visibility for employment consideration. After you post your resume, job listings that match your qualifications will be e-mailed to you automatically. Your identity will remain anonymous until you reveal it to an employer who is interested in your qualifications. To register for this session, call 876-5397.

Army recruiters

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will hold a briefing at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Heritage Hall (old post theater) on the challenges, benefits and opportunities to become recruiters. Attendance by all NCOs is encouraged. "This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty; a personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications," a prepared release said. "How does more money, faster promotions and assignment preference sound to you?" More information can be found at web site www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter or you can call SFC Larry Luden (502) 626-0457. For information regarding the briefing, call Redstone Arsenal Post Retention Office 842-0870.

Weapons policy

No one is authorized to bring privately-owned weapons onto Redstone Arsenal except on-post residents who have registered their weapons with the Provost Marshal Office or people who are authorized to hunt on Arsenal property. In the past month, Arsenal security personnel have confiscated more than 30 weapons, mostly handguns, from employees, contractor personnel, and visitors who attempted to bring the weapons through Arsenal security.

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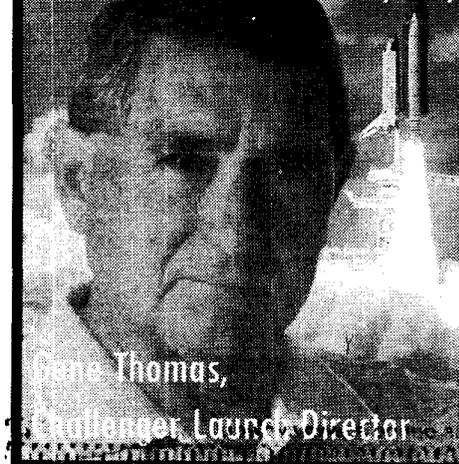
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Diabetes walkathon

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers is seeking volunteers for America's Walk for Diabetes, Saturday at UAH lakeside. The walk is 3.1 miles. Registration is from 8:30-9:45 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10. The goal is for every participant to raise \$150 or more. All participants must bring their donations to the walk and all checks should be made payable to the American Diabetes Association. For more information, call Theresa McBride 955-2402.

Community volunteers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers needs volunteers to work with CASA to winterize three homes for the elderly and handicapped, Nov. 3. The deadline to volunteer is Oct. 31. For more information or to volunteer, call Geri Crabb 842-7716.

Acquisition symposium

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is sponsoring its annual symposium on Government Acquisition, Nov. 14-15 at the Huntsville Hilton.

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Apprentice program

The Department of Defense initiated the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, at the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is the pairing of students with university and professional research and engineering mentors. The high school program is designed for students who are U.S. citizens and 15 years old by the beginning date of the program, June 10, 2002. The College Apprentice Program is designed for undergraduate students who have completed the SEAP and are enrolled in a scientific or technical college major. Other criteria are stated on the applications. Both programs are fast paced and require disciplined professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers gain additional experience by serving as mentors through the process of guiding first time students through interactive research processes. The points of contact for applications include the senior counselor at all public, private and parochial high schools and the college placement services. Possible career placement areas at the Aviation and Missile Command include physics, chemistry,

computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31, 2002. If the student is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the high school senior counselor, or college placement service, call the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Customer Support C, Betty Duke located in building 5308, at 313-4790.

Tae Kwon Do classes

Youth Services will host Tae Kwon Do master Jeffrey Davis every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., and Saturday from 7-8 a.m. or 8-9 a.m. Age limit is 5 years to adult. Class members may attend one to three classes per week. Classes will be held at the Youth Center, building 3148. Cost is \$40 per month for first family member, \$33 for second member, and \$28 for the third family member. Anyone interested must first register through Central Registration, building 1500, for \$15 per person or \$35 per family per year. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.

Reassigned soldiers

Make your next permanent change of station move a "smooth move" by attending the levy briefing Thursday at 1 p.m. at building 3447. All active duty personnel on orders for reassignment are required to

attend. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Representatives from finance, military personnel, housing, Army Community Service and transportation will be on hand to answer any questions. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Spouse badges

Effective Oct. 15, a spouse who frequently brings their wife or husband to work, and then picks them up at the end of the duty day, is eligible for a Redstone Arsenal identification badge which will expedite their gaining access onto the installation. For the spouse to receive the RSA identification badge, the employee must complete AMSAM Form 1116, then accompany their spouse to the Badge Office, building 3423. The employee will be responsible for the safeguarding, and proper use of the RSA ID badge. To help ensure timely access, please have all spouse's badges by Nov. 2.

Badge policy

Effective Nov. 30, the only badges that will be accepted to gain entry to Redstone Arsenal will be RSA badges, MSIC badges, SMDC badges and MSFC badges. Authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons do not have to possess
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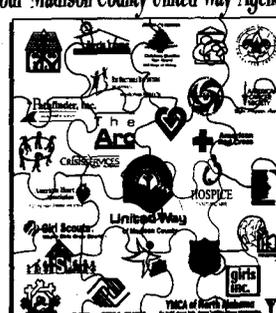
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one of the aforementioned badges for access to Redstone but, they are required to have an up-to-date MWR Patron Card, two forms of valid identification and at least one of the forms of identification has to be picture identification. All organizations who require a RSA badge are required to complete AMSAM Form 1116, Personnel Identification Badge Request, for their government and/or contractors employees by Nov. 30. The employees who require a badge will take the AMSAM Form 1116's to the Badge & Decal office located in building 3423 to obtain their badges. The Badge and Decal Office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Health insurance season

The 2001 open season for health insurance is Nov. 12 through Dec. 10. The Aviation and Missile Command will hold a Health Fair, Nov. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 8:30-noon at building 3711 A representative from various vendors will be available to answer questions. The participating health vendors have extensive web sites for your familiarization or information as needed. It is requested that you go to each site for comparative information needed to continue your choice of health vendor or to consider a different health vendor. The web sites

are as follows: Blue Cross Blue Shield, www.fepblue.org; National Alliance and Postal Health Care, www.ahbp.com; Postmasters, www.postmasters.org; Mailhandlers, www.mhbp.com; NALC, www.nalc.org; GEHA, www.geha.com; and APWU, www.apwuhp.com. For more information about the health fair, call Norma Worden 842-9058.

Auction sale

GSA will conduct an auction sale for Marshall Space Flight Center at 9 a.m. Oct. 31. The property inspection times are Oct. 30 from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and Oct. 31 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. The sale will consist of computer equipment, test equipment and machinery. Disposal operations are located at Intergraph Building 21, 470 Dunlop Blvd., Huntsville. For more information call the Sales Hotline 544-4667 or Greg Tate 544-1774, or visit the General Services Administration web page at www.gsaauctions.gov.

Fox health center

Fox Army Health Center may now be reached by one central telephone number. Dial 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 and listen carefully to the new menu. Extension numbers may be dialed immediately without listening to the recorded menus. Extension numbers will be published soon when fine-

tuning of this new system is completed.

Commissary on holiday

The Commissary will be closed for Veterans Day, Nov. 11 and will reopen Nov. 13.

Army family team building

Army Family Team Building Level 1 classes will be held Nov. 5-7 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491 on Honest John Road. "The Army Family Team Building Program has proven itself as a reliable source of valuable information for new military members and their spouses," a prepared release said. Level I courses include: Military Customs and Courtesies; Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation; Chain of Command/Chain of Concern; Family and Military Expectations; Impact of the Mission on Family Life; Military and Civilian Resources; Basic Problem Solving; Army Family Action Plan; Operation Ready; and Supporting Your Child's Education. Space is limited and child care is free. Call 876-5397 by Nov. 1 to enroll.

Whitesburg festival

A "Fall Fun Festival" will be held 5:30-8 p.m. Oct. 31 at the New Whitesburg Center, 7300 Whitesburg Drive. This event for youngsters - infants through eighth-graders - will include games, giveaways,

candy, food and a free moon bounce. "Only happy costumes please," a prepared release said.

Tobacco cessation class

The next tobacco cessation class will begin Oct. 30 at Fox Army Health Center. Tobacco users interested in improving their health, saving money, and kicking the tobacco addiction should call the Public Health and Education Center 842-0196 to enroll. Two classes will be offered Oct. 30, noon-1:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m.; enrollees may attend either session. Participants will meet weekly for eight weeks. After the first class, each remaining class is one hour long. The classes are free to military beneficiaries and civilian employees. Medications to assist with tobacco cessation efforts will be discussed at the first meeting.

Karate classes

The Wado Ryu Karate Association of Alabama is offering free karate classes to the soldiers and civilians (and families) of Redstone Arsenal. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Highlands Baptist Church gym, near Jordan Lane and Sparkman Drive. For more information, call Chris and David Button 851-8518.

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Nashville bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a Christmas In Nashville/Opry-land bus trip Dec. 16. The package includes round trip bus transportation, refreshments, tickets to the Fantasy In Ice at Gaslight Theatre and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes. Cost is \$60 per person. Bus departs the Arsenal at 9:30 a.m. If interested call the CWFC travel coordinator, Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, 313-5924. But don't delay; only 50 tickets are available.

Theatre performance

Come see the true story of the men who risked everything for glory: to be the first to reach the South Pole. From the Academy Award-winning screenwriter of "Silence of the Lambs," Theatre Huntsville presents "Terra Nova." This dramatic story was taken from the journals of the men who marched to the pole. Performances are in the Von Braun Center playhouse Oct. 25-27 and Nov. 1-3. For tickets and other information, call the Theatre Huntsville office 536-0807. There are special discounts for groups, military as well as police and firefighters.

Thrift shop

The holidays are fast approaching and the Thrift Shop can help you prepare. First,

while cleaning up for company, they'll be glad to take your consignments or donations. Remember, donations are tax deductible. Second, they can help you decorate by providing Halloween, Thanksgiving and even Christmas decorations. For October they would like to recognize their "Volunteer of the Month," Gisela Mullek. She has volunteered with the shop for more than 18 years and says "the Redstone Thrift Shop is a fun place to volunteer." She was one of the first volunteers to be trained on its computer tracking system and has held just about every position in the shop. If you would like to join the "family" of volunteers or would just like to come shop, consign (active/retired military/DACs) or donate items, the regular store hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9-5 Thursdays. The shop is also open the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If interested in consigning or volunteering, call management 881-6992 for an appointment.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel says all parishioners are invited to attend a Healing Mass on All Souls Day, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. "All of our close family members who have died between Oct. 15, 2000 and Oct. 22, 2001 will be remembered," a pre-

pared release said. "Please call Phyllis Gibat 842-2175 by Oct. 22 if you would like your loved one remembered." Korean

mass is canceled for October. The weekend mass schedule is Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



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New instructors

A team of Army Family Team Building master instructors conducted AFTB New Instructor Training Oct. 15-18 at Redstone Arsenal. The graduates, standing with deputy post commander Col. Brent Swart, are from left Talbot Hackett, Mildred White, Cindy Parris, Julie Clippinger, Cindi Delaney, Michel Hokanson and Diane Moore. The next AFTB Level I courses will be offered Nov. 5-7 at building 3491 on Honest John Road. Call 876-5397 by Nov. 1 to enroll. Organizers say the classes are fun, the learning environment is casual and child care is free.

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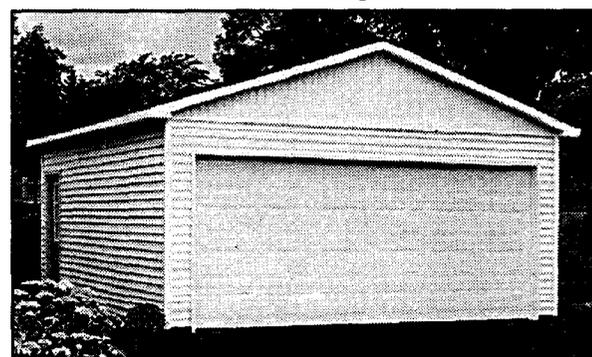


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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCT 19 01	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GIRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U				
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
01BK0029470JC1	Supply Technician	24-Oct-01	LOGSA	GS-2005	5	5	23,729 - 30,852	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0030281DB1	Budget Analyst	24-Oct-01	RASA	GS-0560	9	9	35,954 - 46,736	X															
01BK027892RC1	Contract Specialist	24-Oct-01	ACQ Central	GS-1102	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X	X		X												
S01CE0025024CMR	Structural Engineer	24-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0810	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
S01CE0024141CMR5	Civil Engr, Envi Engr, Phys Scientist, Geologist	24-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0810-0819-1301-1350	11	12	45,600 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0028228ST2	Office Automation Asst	25-Oct-01	PEO Aviation	GS-0326	5	5	23,729 - 30,852	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0030263BJ1	Supv Oil Analyst Mgmt Spec	25-Oct-01	LOGSA	GS-0301	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X															
01BK0029491BJ1	Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Oct-01	LOGSA	GS-0346	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0027791BR1	Plan And Reso Analyst	25-Oct-01	ISO	GS-0301	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X															
01BK0023201VW1	General Engineer	25-Oct-01	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X															
01BK0026935JW1	Lead Human Resource Asst MIL (OA)	16-Oct-01	AMSAM-PT-MO	GS-0203	6	7	26,449 - 38,209	X															
01BK0028450BR1	Acq Mgmt Spec	26-Oct-01	SMDC	GS-0301	9	9	35,954 - 46,736	X	X														
01BK0032259PO1	Program Analyst	26-Oct-01	AMSAM-PT-MO	GS-0343	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0021053ST2	Secretary (OA)	29-Oct-01	PEO T-M	GS-0318	8	8	32,552 - 42,321	X															
02BK0030496JH3	Management Analyst	29-Oct-01	IMMC	GS-0343	9	9	35,954 - 46,736	X															
02BK0032666JH3	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Oct-01	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X															
01BK0021187BJ1	Publ Supv (Policy/Advanced Technologies)	29-Oct-01	LOGSA	GS-0301	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X															
01BK0024493BJ1	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Oct-01	LOGSA	GS-0346	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X															
S01GM0032330KD5	Regulatory Program Asst	29-Oct-01	CoFe Nash, Deca AL	GS-0303	5	6	23,633 - 34,240	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
BKM1429284	Medical Officer (Psyc)	30-Oct-01	MEDCOM	GS-0602	15	15	90,338 - 114,251	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0031983DB1	Security Guard	31-Oct-01	RASA	GS-0085	5	5	23,729 - 30,852	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0035813PO1	Contract Specialist	31-Oct-01	DSA	GS-1102	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X															
01BK0028956BM1	Attorney-Adviser Contracts	1-Nov-01	AMCOM-L	GS-0905	11-12	13	62,001 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0014801PO1	Special Projects Spec	1-Nov-01	AMC	GS-0301	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X															
01BK0006861FM2	Electronics Engineer	2-Nov-01	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0013907MR2	Supv Prog Support Spec	5-Nov-01	PEO Air	GS-0301	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X															
01BK0023311AC2	Prog /Acq Mgmt Officer	9-Nov-01	PEO Aviation	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X															
01BK0012218B4DW	Logistic Program Manager	9-Nov-01	OMMCS	GS-0340	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X															
01BK0030969FM2	General Engineer	19-Nov-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	73,268 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
AG02046150	Interdisciplinary, Supv Engr (Human Factors), Supv Indu Engr, Supv Engr Psyc.	30-Nov-01	ARL	DB-0000-0801-0896-0180	4	4	67,765 - 103,623	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
AGM1426759	Medical Officer	1-Dec-01	MEDCOM	GS-0602	11,12	14,15	50,964 - 114,251	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK028214DB1	Electronics Engineer	4-Dec-01	STRICOM	GS-0855	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
S00CE043077CM5R2	Electrical Engineer	13-Dec-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0850	9,11	12	42,091 - 65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
S00CE043077CM5R2	Electrical Engineer	13-Dec-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	51,650 - 65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
00BK032894ES2	General Engineer	31-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	2	3	29,392 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK0001385ES2	Aerospace Engineer	31-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,382 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
AGM92700	Medical Technologist	12-Jan-02	Army Intern	GS-0644	5,7,9	11,12	23,633 - 73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK000012JH3	Equipment Spec (Air)	6-Feb-02	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
01BK000002JH3	Equipment Spec (Gen)	6-Feb-02	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
AGM1428029	Counseling Psychologist Social Worker	8-Mar-02	MEDCOM	GS-0180-0185	9,11	12	35,818 - 73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
AGM93436	Pharmacist	26-Apr-02	Army Intern	GS-0660	9,11	12,13	35,808 - 80,279	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
AGM1427198	Nurse	30-Apr-02	MEDCOM	GS-0610	9-12	12	35,808 - 80,363	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
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X-BL-02-3213-JB	Security Guard	24-Oct-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0085	5	5	23,729 - 30,852	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-BL-02-3225-JB	Regulatory Office Asst	30-Oct-01	CoFe Nash, Deca AL	GS-0303	5	5	23,633 - 30,726	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-SP-02-3119-JB	Environmental Engineer	31-Oct-01	RASA	GS-0819	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-TM-02-3216-EL	Civil Engineer	31-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0810	11	11	45,600 - 57,669	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-TM-02-3216-EL	Environmental Engineer	31-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-0819	11	11	45,600 - 57,669	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-TM-02-3216-EL	Geologist	31-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-1350	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-TM-02-3216-EL	Physical Scientist	31-Oct-01	CoFe Huntsville	GS-1301	11	11	43,503 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-SP-01-3115-JB	Prog/Acq Mgmt Officer	16-Nov-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
ACU101345	Interdisciplinary, Supv Engr (Human Factors), Supv Indu Engr, Supv Engr Psyc.	30-Nov-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0000-0801-0896-0180	4	4	67,765 - 103,623	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-BL-01-3022-JB	Electronics Engineer	31-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	2	2	23,729 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0645	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Pharmacy Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0661	5	5	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Health Technician	28-Oct-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0640	4	5	21,123 - 30,726	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Instrument Tech	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0649	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Diagnostic Radi Tech	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0647	5	8	23,633 - 42,149	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Dental Hygienist	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0682	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
X-CP-01-NURSE	Clinical Nurse (PT)	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0610	9	11	35,808 - 80,363	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. Citizens are eligible to apply for Army Positions)																							
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																							
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																							
C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																							
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																							
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																							
F - All Federal Employees																							
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																							
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																							
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																							
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																							
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																							
U - All U.S. citizens																							
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																							
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions. Please call their job vacancy line at 876-7772.																							
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